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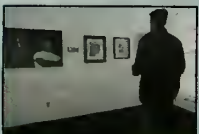
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Drill tests campus security

CLU stages mock crisis to prepare the campus and the community

By Lauren Kane

COPY EDITOR

In order to test the readiness of the school's security, the surrounding police units and the 3n notification system an emergency drill was conducted at California Lutheran University on Jan. 15.

The purpose of the drill was to prepare university and public officials for an unseen tragedy, like the one at Virginia Tech.

Fred Miller, director of Campus Safety and Security, organized the drill, which required cooperation from many organizations in the area.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department, Ventura County sheriff SWAT team, hostage negotiation team, bomb squad and K-9 units, the Ventura County fire department, AMR ambulance service, Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center and the city of Thousand Oaks all participated in drill.

Miller approached the sheriff's department about the drill. Members of the press were also present.

"The sheriff's department have never done a large scale



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Members of the Ventura County Fire Department help an injured student onto a stretcher. CLU and local emergency response teams tested their ability to respond to a disaster such as the one that occurred at Virginia Tech.

exercise like this," he said. "It gives them a chance to update their systems, too."

The drill was also a way to test the new 3n emergency notification system. 3n is the leading provider of mass notification systems.

It works with government

agencies, healthcare systems, colleges and universities.

It is built on the system of one person contacting many. 3n uses phone calls, text messages and e-mails to notify those registered with the system.

It refreshes every 10-15 seconds and updates the user who has received the messages and who responds to them.

The use of the system was successful, but Miller did run into a few problems.

"We've come up with a few areas we need to work on. Phone numbers need to be updated," Miller said.

Everyone involved handled the scenario as if it were real and practiced the ways in which they would respond.

In a real shooting situation, the first six people who respond go in to find the shooter before SWAT arrives, forming an active shooter cell.

Once the SWAT team arrives, the active shooter cell tends to victims.

"It's very dangerous," said Julie Novak, an information officer for the sheriff's department. "It's not planned, you just go."

The various groups involved in the exercise did not know what would be happening on campus. They got the call in the morning and had to come to campus and treat it like a real-life situation.

The first six officers on scene formed an active shooter cell and went after the gunman.

Engine 34 of the fire

department arrived on scene first and started the triage process.

The drill started at 8:15 a.m. after the first shots were fired. Notification e-mails, phone calls and text messages were immediately sent out.

There were 11 victims, all of whom were triaged and treated, then taken to Los Robles Hospital.

Triaged victims are tagged with red, yellow or green tags: red being the worst and green being very stable.

The volunteers who played victims were made up to look like they were actually injured.

Los Robles Hospital used the victims from CLU as the basis for their annual mass casualty drill.

Karissa Falconer, an administrative assistant for academic affairs, played a victim with a gunshot wound to the arm. She was taken to the hospital.

"The hospital said it looked pretty realistic," Falconer said.

Craig Lightfoot, assistant director of safety and security, acted as the shooter, using an M16 assault rifle.

The shots were fired around 8 a.m. and Lightfoot barricaded himself in a classroom in the Humanities building with hostages. Negotiations with the hostage negotiation team started around 9:25 a.m.

The team consists of 18 people. The standard is six people on a team. SWAT and negotiations work as a team.

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Photograph by Doug Barnett

Ventura County Sheriffs respond to the test drill. The drill occurred on Jan. 15 while students were away on winter break.

Film on South African hip-hop culture screened

By Rich Culp
STAFF WRITER

The documentary "Masizakhe: Let Us Build Together" was screened by Rushay Booysen in the Lundring Events Center Jan. 30.

The film is a documentary showing the use of hip-hop and youth in activism and community building in South Africa.

Booyesen is featured in the film as well as being the music producer of the film.

Booyesen, from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, used the film to show the promotion of South African hip-hop artists and what it is doing to help rebuild his homeland.

Booyesen works with africagateway.com, a Web site that is dedicated to improving the South African community and exporting the culture.

Booyesen produced an Australian radio show with one of his fellow artists; and has been on several debates and talk shows discussing hip-hop's role in South Africa.

Along with working to promote his home lands community, he has also been contacted by his local government to coordinate a national anti-drug hip-hop project.

The film "Masizakhe: Let Us Build Together" focuses on South

Africa a decade after apartheid, and how racism and poverty are being dealt with by young activists.

"Hip-hop is more than entertainment, it's about educating," Booyesen said. "The film focuses on those young activists using their music and words to rebuild the nation."

The film uses more than just hip-hop to show its youth in the activism.

"The film did an excellent job of visualizing the role of South African youth and their use of music, poetry and the arts in general to advance and draw attention to social justice issues," said Dr. Gregory Freeland, political science professor.

Along with "Masizakhe," Booyesen has been in another film. "Hip Hopumentary" is a documentary that addresses social issues of South Africa. The film won an award in 2003.

"Trying to get everyone to come together as one community is the purpose of my videos and documentaries," Booyesen said.

At the viewing, Booyesen showed that hip-hop and youth activism teamed together can be a powerful duo.

"Music continues to play a significant role in mobilizing and inspiring individuals to be actively involved in civic engagement," Freeland said.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Rushay Booysen speaks before the audience before screening the film "Masizakhe: Let us Build Together"

Community business leaders gather to share ideas on county higher education

By Brian Arjon

STAFF WRITER

A panel of the community's standout business leaders and professionals gathered to share ideas of communal importance during California Lutheran University quarterly Corporate Leaders Breakfast Series.

Hosted on Jan. 29, this meeting's chief topic was higher education.

"The recent event was the largest of any of the quarterly meetings," said Katie Binz, the marketing and communications Coordinator of CLU, "37.5 percent were first time attendants and the topic of higher education definitely had a great deal to do with that."

The Lundring Events Center set the stage for the panelists, and those in attendance included Tim Gallagher, former president and publisher of the Ventura County Star; Verena C. Kloos, president of BMW Group Designworks USA; Hugh J. Ralston, president and CEO of the Ventura County Community Foundation and the Rev. Dr. Howard E. Wennes, interim president of CLU.

The final two panelists were Richard R. Rush, the president of Cal State Channel Islands, Dr. Eva Conrad, the president of Moorpark College.

Once the breakfast began, the panelists visited while awaiting the presentations.

"An important aspect to remember is that 160 leaders came together to gain incite about institutions of higher learning, a collaborative effort that achieved its goal," Wennes said.

As ideas and opinions shared amongst the panelists, the ceremony neared its end. Once commenced, there was a sense of achievement and awareness amongst those present.

"The Corporate Leaders Breakfast mission statement involves informing and encouraging our friends on the topic at hand and great ideas were raised at the meeting," Binz said.

For further information on past Corporate Leaders Breakfast Series and their panelists, visit http://www.callutheran.edu/news/news_detail.php?story_id=2928.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Rev. Dr. President Wennes speaks at CLU's Corporate Leader's Breakfast.

Emergency drill a success

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The goal of the team is to get hostages out safely. In order to do that, the team must work with the suspect.

They use open-ended questions and talk to the suspect on an emotional level. Their goal is to communicate with the person and keep the hostages safe.

"Our goal is to get the hostages out and get the matter resolved," hostage negotiator Patti Salas said, "We are doing everything to get you out."

The storyline behind the scenario was that the gunman came to campus to seek out his ex-girlfriend and brought a gun.

He fired shots, killing two people, and took hostages in the Humanities building. After hostage negotiations took

place, the gunman fled the room and was shot and killed by the SWAT team.

According to Novak, it is common in shootings for the suspect to die, whether it be suicide or shot by an officer.

The drill received a positive response from many of the people involved.

Lynda Fulford, senior director of communications and community relations, compared the situation to the Columbine and Virginia Tech shootings.

She emphasized how important it is to be prepared for an event like the one practiced.

"It brought the message home that things like that can happen," Fulford said.

To learn more about campus security or the 3n notification system contact Miller at (805) 493-3960 or fdmiller@clunet.edu.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sheriffs patrol the campus during the emergency drill.

Former governor visits campus

By Matt Matarasi
News Editor

Former Californian governor, Pete Wilson, gave his opinion on a variety of political issues to a group that gathered in the Lundring Events Center on the California Lutheran University campus Wednesday.

Wilson discussed Proposition 93, which deals with term limits, and the propositions on Indian gaming, which appeared on yesterday's ballot and also discussed California's Democratic majority in Senate.

The event helped gain recognition for CLU's Masters in Public Policy and Administration program, that offers students the opportunity to "engage in a broad-based educational experience, and benefit from individualized instruction and guidance delivered by an accomplished, service-oriented faculty," according to pamphlets handed out at the event.

After lunch was served, Jeff Gorell, who teaches as an adjunct for the MPPA, introduced the speaker. Gorell worked for Wilson from 1993-97.

"Mr. Jeff Gorell, had previously worked for Wilson and was able to put in a good word for the MPPA," said Dr. Herbert Gooch, director of the MPPA. "As director of the MPPA I then formally invited Wilson. We were fortunate that he was going to be a guest at the Reagan Presidential Library debates that evening, and agreed to talk with us at lunch."

While Wilson agreed term limits were necessary in some cases, he did not agree with Proposition 93 and encouraged the guests to vote against it.

"I think Proposition 93 will

be defeated," said Wilson, "and I think it should be."

Gooch discussed how Wilson's stances do not necessarily mirror the rest of the Republican Party.

"Polls show the Republican Party divided, reflecting the general populace with a majority not favoring," he said. "By and large Republicans have been more suspicious of Proposition 93 than Democrats, and the party position was to only support term limits extensions."

In addition to showing his opposition to Proposition 93, he discussed his feelings on increasing the number of slot machines in Indian casinos around the state.

Wilson said he did not agree with the reports that the new slot machines would bring in extra revenue to the state and dismissed them as merely speculation.

After his speech, a question and answer period was allowed for the guests to speak with the former governor.

Gooch expressed his appreciation for Wilson's appearance and the publicity it gave the MPPA.

"It raises our profile in the community and state as a whole," he said. "Our MPPA students and local community leaders access to the first-hand political savvy and experience of a man who had been mayor of San Diego, popularly elected assemblyman and senator, leader of his political party and governor of California, and seriously considered as a presidential candidate"

For more information on the MPPA program, contact Gooch or visit their Web site at www.callutheran.edu/mppa.



Photo: Graph by Doug Barnett

Pete Wilson speaks before a group Wednesday about many issues, including Prop. 93 and Indian gaming legislation.

ASCLU-G elections to be held; Executive Cabinet position open

Open positions include ASCLU-G president, ASCLU-G Senate director and ASCLU-G Programs Board director. The elections will be held through myCLU Feb. 20-21.

By Tiffany Matarasi

STAFF WRITER

The Associated Students of California Lutheran University Government will hold elections for their Executive Cabinet online through the myCLU web portal on Feb. 20-21.

The three elected positions to be filled are ASCLU-G president, ASCLU-G Senate director and ASCLU-G Programs Board director.

ASCLU-G stands for the Associated Students of CLU Government and is comprised of three boards and is comprised of the undergraduate student body population.

The ASCLU-G president has power over all executive cabinet meetings, is a member of various school boards and committees, such as the alumni board, works on keeping alumni informed and active and the Board of Regents which is the governing board of CLU and is chair of the election committee.

The president is required to attend weekly senate and programs board meetings as an ex-officio member and meet with each executive cabinet member every other week.

The programs board is responsible for planning university events including spring formal and the homecoming carnival.

The ASCLU-G senate director serves as the non-voting chairperson of the ASCLU-G senate, has control over all ASCLU-G Senate meetings and is a member of all senate committees.

The senate director gives weekly updates on the state of the ASCLU-G senate.

The senate director also serves as co-chairperson of the student organizations and publications committee.

"ASCLU-G is broken up into three boards.

Programs Board, which deals with planning events; Senate, which deals with passing bills and resolutions to allocate money for school improvements; and Executive Cabinet," said Robert Duff, sophomore programs board representative. "Executive cabinet is the ASCLU-G president, the programs board director, the senate director, the controller who deals with the business office regarding money and contracts and the executive recorder or secretary."

Election packets were sent to all students via e-mail. A mandatory candidates meeting will be held on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the student union building to choose the candidates.

All CLU undergraduate students are eligible to vote, however ASCLU Senate Director Chase S. Linsley stresses the importance of making seniors aware of their voting privileges.

"One misconception that seniors have about elections for next year is that they aren't eligible to vote since they will have graduated. They are, however, allowed and encouraged to vote since this is their opportunity to leave and they are also voting on behalf of the incoming freshmen class," he said.

Students interested in running for office need to have their statements of candidacy submitted before the meeting and need to bring a hard copy with them to the meeting. Any full-time undergraduate student is eligible to run for the executive cabinet.

For more information regarding the upcoming elections and ASCLU-G, is available from Linsley at aslucsenatedir@clunet.edu or go to the ASCLU-G Web site: <http://www.clunet.edu/asclug>

"I believe that ASCLUG is very important to the school, both branches are so critical to student life here and it is very important to have strong leadership from the executive cabinet, without them there is no structure to meetings, and they can be a great resource for everyone on ASCLUG, from the incoming freshmen to the old veterans; they give the student body's elected officials leadership," said Mike Roehlk senior programs board representative.

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Events

WEDNESDAY February 6	THURSDAY February 7	FRIDAY February 8	SATURDAY February 9
AAUQ Scholarship and Info Meeting 4 p.m. Center for Equality and Justice E-8	100 Days Party-Class of 2008 8 p.m. Sunset Hills Country Club	Nordic Spirit Symposium 7 p.m. Samuelson Chapel Myths, Digs & Saga Kings: A New Look at the Viking Age	Nordic Spirit Symposium 9 a.m. Samuelson Chapel Myths, Digs & Saga Kings: A New Look at the Viking Age CLU's 12th Annual Leadership Institute Lundring Events Center
SUNDAY February 10	MONDAY February 11	TUESDAY February 12	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
Faculty Concert, Daniel Geeting 2 p.m. Overton Hall	Check out the Art Department Faculty Show! Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture Runs through Feb. 16 Sexual Responsibility Week begins	Informational Meeting for ASCLU-G Executive Cabinet Elections 5 p.m. SUB Pavillion The Dating Game hosted by Wellness Programs 9 p.m. SUB	<i>Speakers in Communication Panel, Feb. 13, 3 p.m.</i> <i>Valentines Day, Feb. 14</i>

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Workshop 1 Feb. 23 **INTRO TO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STRUCTURES, & ADAPTATIONS, DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE**

Market research and internet resources; counterparts; qualifications of counterparts; US import process; export licensing; 7501 & SED; documentation.

Workshop 2 March 8 **IMPORT/EXPORT MATH**

Incooterms; components of a landed cost; percentage and fixed cost; cost of money; weight or measure; pricing negotiations.

* Skipped * March 22 * **HOLIDAY WEEKEND ***

Workshop 3 April 5 **CONTRACTS & BASIC ORDERING AGREEMENTS; FINANCE & PAYMENT TERMS**

Open accounts; advance payments; documentary collection; letters of credit; foreign exchange; purchasing agreements; sales agreements; clauses of an international sales agreement.

Workshop 4 April 19 **LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN**

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Workshop 2 March 1 **PREPARING A WINNING BUSINESS PLAN**

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Workshop 3 March 15 **MARKETING, THE HEART OF ALL BUSINESS**

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Workshop 5 April 12 **SECRETS OF A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR & OBTAINING FINANCING FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

Working at home or starting your own internet business; turning a hobby into full-time with little cash; learning about associate opportunities; e-business techniques and much more.

Workshop 6 April 26 **MANAGING THE MONEY AND INSURANCE**

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Workshop 7 May 10 **MANAGING YOUR BUSINESS FOR FUN & PROFIT**

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The Echo 5

Program offers discounted tickets to play

Multicultural Program sponsors trip to see 'The Color Purple'

By Nichol Costa

STAFF WRITER

"The Color Purple," a Tony Award winning play, is coming to Los Angeles and California Lutheran University has tickets offered at a discounted price for students.

Student Leadership Programs and Multicultural and International Programs are sponsoring this event.

It is part of the get-a-way program that student leadership puts on.

"Student Leadership and Programs does get-a-ways throughout the year to give students the opportunity to go to cultural and sporting events at discounted prices," said Amanda Whealon, coordinator for Student Leadership and Programs. "Students are 100 percent responsible for purchasing their tickets if they are interested in going, providing their own transportation and arriving on time."

Signs have been up on campus advertising this event as weekly updates from Student Life.

Tickets went on sale Jan. 31 at the front desk of the Student Union Building. The tickets are \$20 each and there is a limit of two tickets per student with valid student identification.

The play is Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Ahmanson Theater.

"This was a show we thought would interest students," said Kristen Price, assistant director of Student Leadership and Programs. "We have 40 tickets that are on sale and we are hoping to sell out."

"The Color Purple" is produced by Oprah Winfrey and continues to run on Broadway until Feb. 24.

The Broadway play features Chaka Kahn, Bebe Winans and Lakisha Jones. The play has been well-reviewed in New York and after a long delay is making its way to Los Angeles.

The play is based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Alice Walker.

"I thought students would be interested in seeing this play since it has had such amazing reviews and touches on very

important subjects," Whealon said. "I'm expecting this to be a very popular show, so I know that many students are already planning on purchasing tickets on the day they go on sale."

Each month Multicultural and International Programs sponsor different events around campus.

"February is Black History month so students will want to watch for events being sponsored by Brothers & Sisters United," said Angela Rowley, assistant director of Multicultural and International Programs.

The Multicultural and International Programs staff encourages students to get involved on campus. By going to "The Color Purple," students are taking advantage of one of the many cultural opportunities that CLU offers.

"We are accepting applications to become an ambassador for peace or to be an international peer mentor," Rowley said.

Students can go to www.callutheran.edu/multicultural for more information.



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Retreat molds leaders

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

The 12th annual Leadership Institute is an on campus leadership conference that is open and free to all California Lutheran University students.

The event will take place on Saturday.

As a way to bring a national type leadership conference to CLU, there will be nationally recognized keynote speaker Jermaine M. Davis.

He is the CEO of two companies: Seminars & Workshops, Inc. and Snack Attack Vending of Minnesota.

Davis is also a professor of communication studies at Century College and the author of five motivational books.

Along with Davis, there will be six other workshop presenters.

The speakers will include Karsten Lundring, the Rev. Dr. Howie Wennes, interim president; Fran Costello, special education teacher; Linda Parks, Ventura County district supervisor; Jacquelyn Fontaine, former Miss California, and Mike Arcari, vice president

of Wells Fargo.

The intended learning outcomes for this year's conference attendees is for the students to "identify and understand one's own personal style, develop and or enhance applicable skills such as networking, professional and personal life balance, self motivation and recharging."

"[The retreat will help others] understand group dynamics, including conflict resolution, working with difficult people, team work and motivating others."

"[It will also] analyze different approaches and paths alumni took to get to their current career," said Kristin Price, assistant director of student life.

All students interested in attending this event need to register online at the CLU Student Life Web site.

The deadline to register for the Leadership Institute is today.

"It's the whole package. You get a free gift, free food and free advice on leadership that may help you in everyday life," said McKenzie Hurick, committee member.

Faculty art displayed in Kwan Fong Gallery

Students, campus community invited to see the many works through Feb. 16

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

The Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture in the Soiland Humanities Center has been transformed into an art exhibit showcasing various works of art by faculty of the art department at California Lutheran University.

Digital art, painting, mixed media, drawing, sculpture, photography and printmaking are the various types of art displayed.

"It is a good place to show off what the faculty has to offer," said John Storojev, senior instructor and sculpture instructor.

"It gives students confidence in their choices of the professors they study with and exposes them to the possibilities of what they can do."

Brian Stethem, who has been teaching design and photography at CLU for 10 years, agrees.

"I think it is a good show—it demonstrates that all of us are making challenging and interest-

ing art," he said.

Storojev is proudly displaying two metal sculptures entitled "Egyptian Pearl" and "Russian Fire Bird," which is based on a Russian fairy tale and made of copper, brass and steel.

Stethem is showing off five photographs that he recently took on a trip to the Salton Sea in the Colorado Desert of Southern California.

The exhibit, which has been up since Jan. 16, is part of an ongoing series exhibiting the talents of the faculty members of CLU.

Barry Burns, Kristi Colell, Lynn Creighton, Larkin Higgins, Michael Pearce and Terry Spehar-Fahey have also contributed pieces.

"I think it is important to have our students see what we, the faculty, are doing," Stethem said. "Hopefully it will show how we apply a lot of the ideas, techniques and concepts that we teach to our classes."

The students have noticed this hard work and are being



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sociology professor Jonathan Cordero looks at paintings by Terry Spehar-Fahey and Kristi Colell at the Art Department Faculty Show in the Kwan Fong Gallery.

influenced by it.

"It's like a motivator. That's the advantage of seeing so many mediums at once," said Bret Bays, a senior art and multimedia student. "It lets me see

what's capable with the mediums I'm not so familiar with."

It has become evident to other art teachers, as well, that the students are being impacted.

"A lot of students have come

up to me and told me how much they like it," Storojev said. "One student is even taking an independent study on metal work."

The exhibit closes on Feb. 16. Admission is free.

Jogging club promotes good health

By Nichole Flanary
and Krystle Van Deusen
STAFF TO THE ECHO

The recently established running group at California Lutheran University, the Jogging Club, encourages all aspiring track and cross country athletes to get up, get out and get moving.

Cross country captain Jessica Schroeder and Chris Rouse founded the club in 2006 to help raise funds for their team and promote a healthy lifestyle for CLU students.

The club consists of 26 members, 20 of whom are on the cross country team.

The purpose of the club is to promote running and to provide safe places to run.

The group wants to bring the joy of running to those who don't necessarily want to participate in other intercollegiate sports.

"As captains and club officers, we personally organize all fundraisers, training plans and locations," Rouse said.

"We want to help people stay on top of their running so we hand out schedules of workouts and provide various locations to do training runs."

The club meets on Mondays to discuss the upcoming week's goals of the organization.

Members are asked to log all

of their runs online and help others to stay motivated by writing down team and individuals goals on note cards.

Members typically run as a group five days a week and usually drive to off-campus trails around Thousand Oaks.

The types of workouts vary from long to short according to a specific training plan set up by head track and cross country coach, Scott Fickerson.

"We want to try to make running fun, but aim to improve mentally and physically,"

Jessica Schroeder

"All of us really have a passion for running and want to improve," Rouse said. "Our coach pushes us to become better athletes."

"His expertise and experience in the area brings a lot to all of the team and club members," Schroeder said about Fickerson. "We try to make running fun, but aim to improve mentally and physically."

In addition to training, the

club has various trips throughout the season.

During the summer it holds an altitude camp in Mammoth and during the fall semester it has beach outings.

"The best thing about being a club officer is just the fact that I get to meet and hang out with all of these really cool people," Rouse said. "I really have fun with everyone at our pasta dinners before big races and even the fundraisers we do are always a good time with this group."

The Jogging Club relies primarily on donations as a source of funding.

Typical fundraising activities consist of traveling to local businesses, explaining what the organization is about and asking them for their support.

"We really want to help students build a healthy lifestyle and make friendships that will last a lifetime," Schroeder said.

"We are a really close-knit group and I know everyone agrees that it's not just about the running. It's about the whole experience."

Schroeder and Rouse said they believe the club is making a positive impact on its members and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the club.

For more information, e-mail at schroede@clunet.edu.

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Peer adviser interest sessions held Applications are now available in the SUB

By **Brittney Danielle Kennett**
STAFF WRITER

For people who are interested in serving California Lutheran University community or want to mentor to someone without your wisdom and experience, being a peer adviser may be worth looking into.

On Wednesday, Jan. 30 in the Student Union Building, an information session was held for all students wishing for such an opportunity.

The session outlined the job description, expectations for the position and a timeline of events for those chosen through an interview process.

"The responsibilities of a peer adviser are to welcome freshman to CLU and help get them connected, teach a freshman seminar class once a week, organize group outings, and lastly, mentor students throughout the academic year," said Reshai Tate, one of two CLU students who will be dedicating his summer planning freshman orientation in August as a student orientation coordinator.

Participating in freshman orientation is a large part of the responsibility of a peer adviser, as well as various other activities.

"Once you are a decided peer adviser there are certain mandatory events you must attend.

You must attend spring training a week before orientation, new student orientation, bi-weekly peer adviser meetings in the fall as well as participate in the diversity leadership retreat and/or the leadership institute," said Kristin Price, assistant director of Student Life.

If after reviewing the job description and required time commitments and one is still interested in the program, one must participate in a group interview and then if chosen, an individual interview with various Student Life employees and the student orientation coordinators.

Peer adviser applications are available in the SUB now and are due Feb. 19. After submitting an application there are two group process times to sign up for.

Final interview invitations will go out Feb. 25. Acceptance letters will be sent out March 15.

"The interview process is a lot of fun. You can go through it with your friends and it is really good practice for any future interviews that you might take part in," said Natasha Spiroff, fellow student orientation coordinator alongside Tate.

When chosen to be a part of the peer adviser program you will be required to sign an ethical responsibility contract.

This aspect of the volunteer position mandates that those involved maintain a level of

personal integrity in terms of curricular and extra-curricular behavior.

"There is not a second chance to make a first impression. If a student comes to me and says, 'One of your peer advisers is tagged in a picture doing a keg stand!' What does that say about the program? We ask you to be very conscientious about what goes on your online profile pages because savvy students and parents will be checking you out online and if there's stuff on there anyone can see it," Price said.

Although there are aspects of the program that are fairly set in stone, every peer adviser's approach to teaching, leading and befriending the group of students is uniquely their's; an important part of the peer adviser selection process for those involved.

Unfortunately, not all who apply will be granted the opportunity to be involved in the program, however there are still a number of other ways to get involved.

"Every student is different at CLU and we are interested in having peer advisers that reflect the diversity of our campus. We want as diverse a group of peer advisers as we can so all of our new students feel at home," Tate said.

For applications see the SUB desk or contact Kristin Price at kprice@callutheran.edu.

ASCLU-G helps plan campus activities

By **Alex Gilmore**

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Students at California Lutheran University may wonder how things get done around their campus. To figure this out, all they have to do is just look to the two boards that make up the ASCLU-G.

The Associated Students of California Lutheran University Government is the group of students that help plan activities and govern the school.

They are comprised of two boards, programs board and senate, plus an executive cabinet.

"ASCLU is a way to meet people and get involved, but it is also a way to give back to the CLU community and serve in different ways," said ASCLU-G president Stefanie Lucas.

The programs board has 21 positions and is in charge of planning the events around campus, especially Club Lu.

This year instead of only having Club Lu events every other week, the board has started holding Mini Lu events, including movie nights on campus during the off weeks.

The board meets every Monday night at 7:15 p.m. in the SUB to discuss and plan upcoming events.

The senate makes up the other part of ASCLU-G with 19 members. Its job is to be a legislative body that passes bills and resolutions.

Senate meetings take place Mondays at 5:30 p.m. also in the SUB.

"Each board has distinctively different roles, but they do help each other out when it comes to big projects," Lucas said.

One thing that both boards are trying to is reach out more to the clubs on campus and the community. Many clubs participated in the homecoming carnival and the programs board helped out with the Hip-Hop Organization's recent art exhibit.

The ASCLU-G is also trying to let the students around campus know that \$100 of their student fees each semester goes to them.

It is hoping that by being aware of this, more students will come to events and want to get involved.

Getting involved does not

mean that a student has to run for a position on a board though. Since all of their meetings are open, any student can attend and voice any concerns they may have.

"You'd be surprised how many of the things we talk about and do come from student concerns," Lucas said.

CLU's small size aids in the ability for all the concerns to be heard. Not many schools have positions for commuter and transfer students that add more voices to the discussions.

Stuff also gets done because the administration actually takes the time to listen.

"We are just trying to get our name out there so people know that this is what we do and that we take great pride in what we're working on," Lucas said.

With many additional events planned for the remainder of the school year, the ASCLU-G is confident that students will become much more involved than they already are.

For more information, visit www.callutheran.edu/studentlife/asclug.

Campus Quotes

What are you looking forward to most this semester?



Eddie Styles, 2008

"Good times with good friends."

Carrie Kelley, 2009

"Spring formal ... Because I am planning it."



Jordan Benedict, 2008

"Kicking it old school and coffee."



Kristina Victoria, 2009

"Enjoying my last semester the real world."



Jon Sundberg, 2008

"Sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll."



Matthew Kufeld, 2010

"Better teachers than last semester."

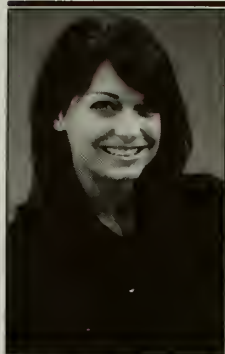


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Trip abroad changes outlook



By Clair Tenney

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For 3 1/2 weeks during winter break, I embarked on a journey that would change me and my entire outlook on life.

I am writing this article not only to share my experiences, but also in hopes that it will make each person reading it realize how blessed he or she is and see how beautiful it is to be an American.

Along with 13 other California Lutheran University students, I

Journey to India opens eyes to new way of life

left for a trip to India led by professors Dr. Paul Hanson and Dr. Druann Pagliassoti on Dec. 27.

After a grueling 34 hours of traveling, we landed in Delhi, India.

My previous semester of studying the country and seeing slides prepared by Dr. Hanson could have never prepared me for what was to come over the next few weeks.

My first week in India was a long one. I frequently cried over the sights I was shocked by, sights that I wanted to run away from at the time, the sights that now I miss.

I was amazed by the extreme difference of India's country and lifestyle compared to ours.

It is a beautiful country that continued to surprise me with each day and each new encounter.

Roads are complete chaos. I have never been somewhere with so much noise. New York City does not even compare. Horns are used to communicate everything on the road.

Not a single car, motorcycle, bike, bus or rickshaw stays on the correct side of the road. Vehicles whiz by and just when it looks like they will collide into a head-on collision, one moves just ever so slightly.

Animals roam the streets just as if they were a car or a person. Hundreds of stray dogs are fed by the people.

Cows, considered holy in the country, walk along the street beside you.

I was amazed by the extreme difference of India's country and lifestyle compared to ours.

Sometimes they stand in the middle of the road and cars only honk and drive around them.

Peacocks are in the trees and on the sidewalk, camels carry carts of goods or people and monkeys swing from the buildings and come within inches of you.

The poverty in this country was unbelievable to my American eyes. Seventy percent of India's population lives in poverty.

Beggars are everywhere, but unlike most in America who stand stoically waiting for you to drop coins in their cup, in India they come up and pull on your clothes, tug on your arms and stand in front of your face for up to 10 minutes.

We were taught to never make eye contact or speak to them.

Despite all of the craziness India holds so much beauty and spirituality.

I have experienced the Golden Temple located in Amritsar, a

sight that literally took my breath away.

I will forever remember how I felt and the sounds of the beautiful Sikh people worshipping God.

At Mother Theresa's orphanage, I played with children for hours, falling in love with one little boy so much that I cried when I left him and made the decision to one day adopt a child from this wonderful country.

I took a boat ride down the holy Ganges River where hundreds of men and women bathe in the holy water, and I watched as a group of men prepared their relatives' dead body to be cremated and thrown in the river.

I went on a camel ride through the desert and small villages where the children followed us around like we were celebrities.

I have smoked Indian tobacco with the village men and have learned Indian dances.

I rode an elephant to the top of a castle and received an elephant blessing in a temple.

I stood atop a temple in Trichy after climbing 417 steps to look out upon the city where I felt I could see the world curve.

I deeply encourage everyone to visit this magnificent country. After living in this country for only 3 1/2 weeks it is hard for me to be back in the United States where people have everything but see none of it, only striving for more.

It makes me think that material possessions only make us unhappy after seeing children being overjoyed by their toys; a rock with a string tied around



India - Golden Temple

it and adults worshipping God because they have a pair of clothes to wear.

I know that I have everything I need and more. I know that everyone hearing about my story has everything they need and more.

Even with the little that Indians have it is hard to feel sorry for them because in reality they have everything.

I even feel jealous of them. They have simplicity and they have true happiness. And they have few obstacles to get to God.

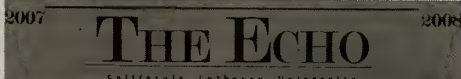
Mother Theresa said of the Indian people; "the poor give us much more than we give them. They're such strong people, living day to day with no food. And they never curse, never complain. We don't have to give them pity or sympathy. We have so much to learn from them."

Thank you to the India group for an incredible journey. I am happy to have shared it with each of you.



India - Humayun's Tomb

Photographs by Clair Tenney



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In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others.

Andre Maurois (1885-1967)

February 6, 2008



By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

The doctor is back. My nurses are holding my calls and I cleared out the waiting room. Students of California Lutheran University, I'm ready to prognosticate.

I genuinely hope you all enjoyed your winter break.

While most of you went home or traveled to foreign lands, I was sitting in a 5' x 5' cubicle, eight hours a day, earning a living.

Oh, and I went to Lake Tahoe, North Carolina and spent a week in Cabo San Lucas.

As I came back to campus last week, I was surprised to see a number of new couples at CLU.

I was also pleasantly surprised as I talked to friends who told me

Love advice

Springtime love is in the air

of pending relationships.

It appears that cupid, a.k.a. me, was working overtime at school.

While I would love to take credit for many students finding romance, I know that in fact it is merely that time of the year.

As I came back to campus last week, I was surprised to see a number of new couples at CLU.

I'm sure most of you have heard that springtime is love time and thought of it as just a saying. But I say to you, nay.

The truth of the matter is, more people fall in love during the spring than any other time of the year. Wikipedia it.

There is a science to this madness and I'll explain it to you now.

Take my friend John. The guy was digging the single life during

fall semester.

When I was going on dates seeing "Stardust," he was entering arm wrestling contests.

I was learning how to make lasagna; he was at Best Buy playing Guitar Hero against fifth graders.

What does this tell us about John?

Well, besides having rather lame hobbies, he obviously lived a lifestyle of no strings attached, and he cherished it.

However, a funny thing happened to him during the break; he fell in love. It took a couple holidays and some time apart, but he quickly realized how much he wanted a certain someone in his life.

It feels too good to be in love. I know you've been there.

Even if the relationship didn't work out, the honeymoon feeling is nothing short of ecstasy.

Like an Otter Pop on a sunny day, nothing beats the happiness that accompanies a new relationship.

The spring semester makes perfect sense to find love.

If you are a freshman, the fall was all about meeting new people and figuring out what the Centrum stopped serving breakfast.

The spring semester makes perfect sense to find love.

But now, a new semester makes you more apt to pull the trigger on asking out that cute surfer chick that lives in Pederson.

Or say you're a senior who has sworn off guys since your vicious breakup last year.

You thought your support system of friends, your iPhone and anticipation of "Lipstick Jungle" was all you needed to get by.

But the holidays came and went and now Valentines Day won't leave you alone because

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Rite Aid and Walgreen's have had their decorations up since what seems like August.

Maybe, just maybe, you're ready to get back on the saddle. You know what I mean. And not like that. Don't be gross.

I predict that many of you will find that special someone in the next few months.

Maybe she's the girl from Jamba Juice or the guy that sits by you in sign language.

Possibly someone who you've seen on campus, but have never talked to could be that special someone.

I bet some people just read that and immediately visualized someone.

Do me a favor and figure out a way to chat it up with that person. If you need help let me know.

If you think that love isn't in your immediate plans, think again.

I've started more relationships this time of year than any other. None of them lasted, but the point is, they happened.

I look forward to another fantastic semester of love advice that you will find no place else.

If you have a dating question or problem that needs assistance, drop me a line at bgraham@clunet.edu.

Thinking of You,
Dr. Love

TV show is great for new artists

By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

While we often associate MTV with a lack of music videos and teeny-bop pop music, they have upped their game with their "Artist of the Week."

This is a far cry from the lame reality TV shows that washed down "Total Request Live."

Normally, I would expect Britney Spears or the latest boy band.

However, it looks like MTV is heading in a new direction of finding interesting and eclectic artists to feed to its viewing audience.

Not only that, but finally MTV is bringing back music as a key focus in its network.

This is a far cry from their lame reality TV shows that washed down "Total Request Live."

"Artist of the Week" showcases a band or singer for an entire week, using them as well

as their music, in commercials for MTV shows.

They also do funny skits with the bands and acoustic versions of their songs during commercial breaks.

It creates great exposure for the artist, especially since the network picks many up-and-coming artists who have not yet gained mass attention or fame.

Something like this usually wouldn't have caught my attention, but it is the obscure gems that have been thrown into the mix of "Artist of the Week" that have switched up the musical genre that is normally represented on MTV.

They also do funny skits with the bands and acoustic versions of their songs during commercial breaks.

Bands like Flyleaf, which is clearly rock with piercing vocals and dark lyrics and revolutionary artist M. I. A., whose music is in the electronic genre or Kenna, a unknown alternative artist that has opened for Justin Timberlake

and Nelly Furtado, are treasures to the music industry.

Silversun Pickups, a Southern California based indie band, gained huge popularity almost overnight with its song "Lazy Eye" featured on the show.

Although their audience is so pop driven, perhaps it will influence and expand their viewer's musical interest.

Even though it has featured artists like Keyshia Cole and Wyclef Jean, that are well known and mainstream, it seems as if the people at MTV have created a balance between both worlds.

For the week of Jan. 28, The Bravery made its debut as the "Artist of the Week."

A unique alternative band which has hints of The Cure and Bruce Springsteen.

The Bravery came on the music scene in 2005 with its song "Honest Mistake."

It was the release of its second album in the past year.

However, that has helped them gain more attention.

Not only has MTV given them exposure, but it has also introduced them to a whole new audience to The Bravery's music and this is something they continue to do each week on their "Artist of the Week."

This is in hopes that MTV will continue to shy away from the pop genre and continue to promote new and inspiring artists with its "Artist of the Week."

Although their audience is so pop driven, perhaps it will influence and expand their viewer's musical interests.

More information on this week's "Artist of the Week" and past artists can be found on the Web at buzzworthy.mtv.com/category/artist-of-the-week, or tune into MTV's, "Artist of the Week" featured during every commercial break.

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Time for revenge

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

With half of the conference schedule over, the California Lutheran University women's basketball team will be looking for some resurgence in the last stretch of its season.

A rematch with Whittier College will take place at Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center tomorrow night as the Regals (8-10, 3-5 SCIAC) look to avenge their first SCIAC loss of the season.

"Whittier is actually a very big game for us," said Kristy Hopkins, head coach. "It's us and Whittier trying to play it out for that fourth spot."

That fourth spot that she was talking about is for the SCIAC tournament at the end of the season when the top four teams in the standings are matched against each other in a single elimination tournament.

"They just stepped up down the stretch and we didn't," Hopkins said. "It's been our trouble all year in tight games. It's up to the girls and how they want to play. We are not living up to our potential."

On Jan. 12, the Regals lost a

tough battle with Whittier, 54-62, and had a comeback attempt slip away after coming as close as three points with 1:55 left.

Senior guard Mary Placido led the Regals that night with a stellar performance, scoring 29 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

"We look forward to the challenge ahead of us," said Meghan Dahl, sophomore guard.



This past week the Regals faced second place University of Redlands at home and Pomona-Pitzer Colleges on the road.

In Pomona, the Regals faced a stingy Sagehens team in which the game was sent into overtime.

Overtime saw the Regals take a lead of nine points with over two minutes to go, but it was not enough to hold off the Sagehens, who came storming back and took the lead on a lay-up with

one second left for a 71-70 lead.

The Regals called timeout and set up a play similar to that of Duke's miracle toss to Christian Laettner in the 1992 NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The full court toss from Placido landed in the hands of Nita Sims just inside the key. The turnaround shot fell short.

On Jan. 31 the Regals hosted the Bulldogs of Redlands.

With their top scorer Placido held in check most of the game, the Regals looked to their bench for some back up.

In came Sims. The sophomore tallied a season high 15 points and added eight rebounds.

"I was told by my coach from the beginning that I needed to step up and play a good game because of the skill of their post players, and fortunately I was able to," Sims said.

Despite Sims' performance the Regals again came up short, 65-49.

The Regals now hold a record of 3-5 in SCIAC with six conference games left to make a run at a spot in the first ever conference tournament.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Senior guard Mary Placido has led the Regals through the first half of the season averaging 11.4 points per game. She also leads the team with 30.5 minutes per game and is dishing out assists at an average of 2.9 per game.

Regals prep for weekend matches, welcome new leader

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Regals tennis team will host Westmont College Friday at 2 p.m., debuting in their first home match of the season.

Following that match, California Lutheran University will face in an away match SCIAC challenger Occidental College on Saturday at 2 p.m. This will be the first conference match.

In its 2007 season, CLU went 3-17 overall and 1-6 in the SCIAC division finishing up in seventh place.

The Regals went on to lose their first 14 matches of the

season.

CLU also went without winning a road game in the 2007 season.

"Last year I know they had a tough season, so this year I'd like to get it up and win a couple more games," said freshman Kelsey Licastro.

CLU went on to win in its 2008 season opener against opponent La Sierra University on Friday, 7-2.

Junior Suzuye Nomura, the most experienced player on the team, took the No. 1 singles match win in straight sets of 7-5, 7-5 and CLU swept their three doubles matches.

The Regals accomplished

winning their first away match, something that did not happen last year.

"Right now I think we are still improving," said freshman Lacey Gormley. "We're a really young team and as the years go on we are going to get better."

Gormley cruised through her match as she won in final scores of 6-1, 6-1.

Freshman teammate, Sam Aguinaldo, went into a third set tie-break to determine the important point for the Regals. Aguinaldo won the tie-break 10-8.

"I definitely think this year is more of a team effort. It's more team bonding than just hitting

tennis balls," Licastro said.

The Regals traveled to face Chapman University Saturday. The team lost 9-0 to the Panthers.

Freshman Kate Dehmer, who plays No. 3 singles, was the only player on the CLU team to win a set.

After trailing by one set 5-7, Dehmer won the second set of her singles match 7-5. The third deciding set gave her the defeat as it ended 6-1.

"I think that we've been working really hard and I think that if we can just be a team, be together, we can do well," Gormley said.

After being the assistant

coach last season, head coach Mike Benson knows the difference between the two.

"I am excited, I love coaching," Benson said. "There's a big difference, there is a lot more responsibility and behind the scenes things."

The team hopes to make a comeback from last year's season and better their record in the matches to come.

"We are a very young and very inexperienced team and our strengths might be our enthusiasm and attitude," Benson said.

The Regals now stand with a 1-1 record and their SCIAC division record will begin after their crucial opponent Occidental.

California Lutheran University Athletes of the Week

For the week of Jan 28 - Feb. 3



Suzuye Nomura - Women's Tennis

The junior from Seattle, Wash. helped lead the Regals to a 7-2 road victory over La Sierra to open the 2008 season. She opened up her junior campaign with a win over LSU's Molly Banos in the No. 1 singles match winning in straight sets 7-5, 7-5. The win for the Regals was crucial after failing to win an away match all last season.



Alex Casillas - Baseball

The junior pitcher from West Hills led the Kingsmen to a 6-2 win in their season opener against Simpson University. The transfer from LA Mission Community College tossed six innings and scattered four hits after he allowed a lead-off home run to start the game. He struck out four and walked just one Redhawk while holding them to a .211 batting average.

Each week the athlete who has impacted their team the most will be recognized with CLU "Athlete of the Week" honors.

To view all of the Athletes of the Week since 2006 please visit www.clusports.com/pages/aow/

Kingsmen defense playing strong

By Scott Bredesen
STAFF WRITER

After a good amount of conference play midway through the basketball season, senior leadership and field goal defense has been the key to the Kingman's success.

California Lutheran University buckled down on defense while executing its offense in recent games versus University of Redlands and Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.

The Kingsmen have an overall record of 15-3 and 5-2 in conference after defeating Pomona-Pitzer.

"Our senior leadership starting with Deshion Inniss and Chad Acerboni have set the tone on defense to be aggressive and it has paid off," said Geoff Dains, assistant head coach.

CLU is ranked in the top 10 in the nation in field goal defense. Dains also felt that home court advantage in conference play are must-win games and a well-balanced penetrate-and-kick out offense is what they strive to accomplish.

Many of the guys and coaching staff are excited to be playing in the new Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center.

The Purple Pit, the student cheering section, is sure to be alive tonight when the Kingsmen host Whittier College.

The Kingsmen are 0-1 against the Poets this year, losing to them 69-58 in the Donald E. Graham Center in Whittier. Now CLU gets an opportunity to even up the season series.

CLU went into Pomona-Pitzer on Saturday and won by 20 points.

"Our defense as a team was great and it really set the tone for the game to execute on both ends of the floor," guard Lucas Gums said.

The two teams split one game apiece last year and with a win, CLU would move into second place in the SCIAC behind Occidental College.

"The play from our bench has been great," Inniss said. "Guys like Mychal Owens and Aaron Fisher are really stepping up."

Head coach Rich Rider is in his 13th season with the Kingsmen and is looking for his 209th win against Pomona. The Kingsmen shot 70 percent from the field and hit 14 three-pointers in Wednesday's match against rival Redlands.

The final score was 88-52 thanks to Kyle Knudson, Inniss and Acerboni who were hot from behind the arc and were a huge part of the team's success.

"Redlands defense was in a zone most of the game which usually means there is a lot of open looks from beyond the arc," Dains said. "We did a good job of making them pay."

CLU had a 41-31 lead going into halftime and did a great job of moving the ball with 21 assists on 33 baskets. It got a little sloppy in the first half and CLU had 12 turnovers but still, Redlands was outmatched and has not won in Thousand Oaks in 16 seasons.

Occidental College has been the top SCIAC team so far, placing in the top 25 in Division III and already beat CLU earlier this year 67-58. The Tigers went on a 14-4 run in the second half and never looked back.

CLU has been SCIAC champs in 1992, 93, 94 and 2001.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sophomore Kyle Knudson has helped lead the Kingsmen to a 15-3 overall record and 5-2 mark in conference play so far this season. He has hit 37 three-pointers on the year and is averaging 2.1 made three's per game.

Swim teams record fast times in loss to CMS

By Kevin Baxter
SPORTS EDITOR

After falling to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Saturday, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams of California Lutheran University had some good times they could smile about.

The women's swimming and diving team lost to conference opponent Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 161-62 on Saturday at the Samuelson Aquatics Center.

Despite the loss, senior Kelsey Myers broke her own school record in the 200-yard freestyle and Jill Minehan did likewise in the 100-yard fly.

Myers also finished first in the 100-yard freestyle and 3.97 seconds ahead of the second fastest time.

Minehan took first place in the 100-yard butterfly event and was the only female swimmer to break the minute barrier (59.26). She beat her CLU record by over three-tenths of a second which was set at last year's SCIAC Championship meet.

Christa Ratcliff picked up CLU's other individual first place finish with a time of 4:40.59 in

the 400-yard IM.

The men's swimming and diving team fell to the Stags of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges, 150-80 on Saturday at Samuelson Aquatics Center. The Kingsmen ended the meet with four first place finishes.

Freshman Michael Blanchard finished first place in the 100-yard freestyle (49.19) and took second in the 50-yard freestyle (22.54).

The 100-yard breaststroke was dominated by the Kingsmen with three of the top four finishers coming from CLU. Kevin Bumb (1:04.22) and Andrew Jensen (1:05.01) came in first and second place respectively while Sam Lovetro (1:06.55) was fourth.

Junior diver Eric Vaughn won the 1-meter diving event with a score of 231.90 edging out a pair of Stags divers.

In the 100-yard butterfly, CLU was once again prominent with Jared Vermillion (54.57) finishing first and Kelby Tursick (55.89) taking third.

Jeremy Subadya took second place in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:01.43 finishing just behind Claremont's Andrew Cosentino (5:01.02). Sam Walton also pulled off a second place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (58.10).



Photograph by Scott Chisholm

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Baseball travels to Westmont



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Junior center fielder Nick Pinneri opened his college career with a two-for-four performance at the plate along with two RBI and two stolen bases. The Moorpark College transfer helped lead the Kingsmen to a 6-2 season-opening victory over Simpson University at George "Sparky" Anderson Field on Saturday.

Kingsmen to finish pair with the Warriors after opening season with a 6-2 victory over Simpson

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

The first games of a baseball season have proved pivotal for a successful year.

For the Kingsmen baseball team at California Lutheran University, the two-game series against Westmont College will begin to define the persona of this year's team.

It will be the first meeting between the two clubs since their two-game series in 2005.

CLU was victorious in both

games with scores of 15-2 and 11-6.

For the past two years the Kingsmen have finished with a winning record, unlike their counterpart Westmont (NAIA).

"The Westmont game is critical, with a young team like we have," said Marty Slimak, head coach. "It's pivotal to win the early games and build the confidence of the team."

The Kingsmen began their season against Simpson University (NAIA) from Redding, Calif. which came into the game with a

record of 1-3.

The Kingsmen were victorious in the season opener, 6-2 over the Redhawks.

The start of the game was not how CLU hoped it would go, a lead-off home run, it was the first time this happened to the Kingsmen since Slimak has been at the helm.

"Our mouths dropped after the lead-off home run," the CLU coach said. "Since I got here in 1990 that has never happened to me."

The Kingsmen responded just the way Slimak would have expected of them.

It started with a lead-off single by junior David Iden that opened the two-run first inning to take the lead.

From the first inning on, the

Kingsmen bats were in full force, led by senior right fielder Trevor Davidson, who went 3-for-3 with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored.

"I got great pitches to hit, I drove them where I wanted to and I capitalized," Davidson said.

He wasn't the only CLU bat that was hot in the opener.

Sophomore Paul Hartmann had the highlight of the fifth inning with a one-run triple that just barely missed being a home run by hitting the bottom of the wall.

"It was good to see us come out and play well and get the nerves out," Hartmann said. "We have a great team in all aspects."

Another notable hitting performance was from junior Nick

Pinneri who finished the game going 2-4 with two stolen-bases.

Along with highlight performances on offense the Kingsmen got help on the other end.

Junior pitcher Alex Casillas came back strong after giving up the lead-off home run by pitching six innings and only giving up two hits.

CLU also played great defense, highlighted by a double play to conclude the eighth inning.

"The jury is still not out on how this young team will perform the rest of the season, so each game is important to gain experience," Slimak said.

There will be plenty of time for the jury to come out with 36 games remaining on the schedule after today.

This Week in CLU Sports

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Baseball at Westmont, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Whittier, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Women's Basketball vs. Whittier, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

Softball vs. CSU East Bay (DH), 12:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Westmont, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Men's Tennis vs. Westmont, 9:30 a.m.

Swimming & Diving vs. La Verne, 10:30 a.m.

Track & Field at Caltech All-Comers, 10:30 a.m.

Baseball vs. Alumnii, 1:00 p.m. (exhibition)

Women's Tennis at Occidental, 2:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Westmont, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball at La Verne, 5:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball at La Verne, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Golf at San Marcos Invitational, 7:00 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 11

Golf at San Marcos Invitational, 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Golf at San Marcos Invitational, 7:00 a.m.

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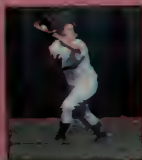
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Students volunteer at republican debates

By Laura Bebinger
STAFF WRITER

Students from California Lutheran University volunteered at the republican debates held at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley Jan. 30.

Presidential hopefuls participated in a debate to express views on issues such as health care, the economy and immigration.

Candidates Mitt Romney, John McCain, Mike Huckabee and Ron Paul engaged in the debate.

"It just reminds me of the importance of people our age getting out to vote," said Stefanie Lucas, senior communication- and political science major.

Politicians and celebrities such as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former First Lady Nancy Reagan were in attendance.

The debate was sponsored by CNN, the Los Angeles Times and Politico.com and moderated by Anderson Cooper.

The students from CLU who volunteered were from all different classes, majors and ideals.

Carrie Kelley, a junior at CLU, was impressed with the candidates' attitudes toward the student volunteers.

"I think that it was also nice of them to take interest in the college student volunteers like us and stop to talk and say hi even though they were gearing up for a serious debate," Kelley said.

Students affiliated with the Republican and Democratic parties were involved.

Rudy Giuliani, a potential candidate for the presidency,



Photograph by Tamice Cerro

Carrie Kelley and Jocelyn Bourgault stand in front of Air Force One.

dropped out of the race and declared his support for McCain prior to the debate.

"It was great to be in the same room with people of such power and influence and watch history take place right before my own eyes," said junior Andrew Brown.

The students were able to take information taught to them in the classroom and apply it to real life-events.

"A college education, and ultimately the act of educating yourself can only teach you so much about the political arena," Brown said, "Yet an event, where you can say, 'I was there' will be forever etched in your memory."

Being at the debate sim-

ply affirmed junior Jocelyn Bourgault's view of the political arena and her intended placement in the field.

"I know that I've always wanted to have a part in the political process, and seeing those people that are brave enough to run for president just re-affirmed my dreams of running for office someday," she said.

The republican debate for these student volunteers was an event that further stresses the importance voting in today's young people.

"It made me realize just how important it is to go out and be politically active and educated about the issues in today's world," Kelley said.

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Also speaking at the event was Marit Syvonne Vea, manager of the Avalsness Project, which is a preserved Viking estate with a seminar titled "Who Were the Vikings?" and Dr. Kirsten Wolf, Scandinavian professor, University of Wisconsin with Emigration and Mythmaking: The Icelanders in North America.

Of the many performances that took place during the two-day event, one stood out as the event to remember, as it would be put by a certain attendee.

Although the various symposiums granted much information, music helped broaden the experience.

"The pianist, Samuel Skonberg, performed a wonderful presentation that many would

agree was one to remember," said Sharon Smith, who also is a board member of The Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation.

Dating back nine years to the first Nordic symposium of this kind, visitors have become regulars annually for the multi-day event.

Attendees have been audiences to trailblazers in the Viking culture as well as participants in an efficient environment to disperse various ideas and concepts about the topic at hand.

For more information about the 2008 Nordic Spirit symposium, any of the sponsors of this year's event and all things Scandinavian, contact CLU's Scandinavian Center at (805) 241-1051, or via e-mail at scan-center@callutheran.edu.

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The background for the Republican debate at the Ronald Reagan Library featured Air Force One. Students from CLU were able to help with the debates.

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Invisible Children

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While a peaceful future is in sight, Invisible Children is looking to address the problems of education and economic development in Uganda. Invisible Children has three campaigns to assist, the bracelet campaign which sells bracelets made in Uganda along with a short film.

"After watching the documentary I was shocked to see how ter-

rible it really is over there, and I will be buying a bracelet to help aid Invisible Children Inc.," said Kyle Ballard, a student at CLU.

The visible child scholarship program gives students a scholarship to attend school with a one on one mentor.

The schools for schools campaign lets schools in the U.S. think of interesting ways to fund-raise for the schools in Uganda.

Invisible Children Inc. is showing the world of the brutalities occurring in northern Uganda. The documentary will be shown at the CLU chapel on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

"Even if you have seen this documentary, there is at least one of your friends who haven't, and who should. You may be the only person who will take them," McCandless said.

Television studio provides opportunities

By Mayra Ochoa

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The many aspects of creating shows for television come alive in the TV production classes at California Lutheran University.

David Grannis, Educational Technology director and instructor in communication, is in charge of the studio. He has been with CLU for 13 years.

"The students enrolled in this course enroll as independent students," he said during a tour at the facilities in the Spies-Bornemann Educational Technology building. "CLU offers five production classes."

CLU offers five production classes, beginning production, broadcast news journalism, beginning film, advanced film and remote broadcast.

Students that enroll in these classes learn the basics and advance to the more difficult tasks.

Beginning production is where it all starts because students learn the basics of composition.

"Three cameras are used in this class," the director said. "They film soap operas which cause live dramatic series."

In broadcast news journalism, the students get to experience being in front of the camera because they create news for CLU's channel network; channel 16.

CLU students who want to advance in the TV production program take film classes where they can shoot films for the annual film festival.

Classes then become more advanced when the students gain knowledge about filming movies.

Advanced filming allows students to learn more about shooting a movie. He said this can possibly result in directing a movie.

The studio is filled with many tools that can be played with to adjust an image with a push of a button.

"The filming studio has three curtains that consist of studio gray, black and chroma key

green," he said. "It used to be blue."

A mixer is also one of the tools that is used in the studio because it helps record sound when filming.

Lights are another tool used in the studio because they help with dramatic scenes.

He said that one of the problems that they encounter while being in TV production is the money.

"There is no cut off point for us," Grannis said. "What limits us is the money and the time."

He said that without the

equipment they cannot film anything and that they have \$15,000 a year for purchasing cameras.

Another problem is that CLU does not offer a TV production major so that limits the classes being taught.

"These classes are not year round because they are not approved as activity classes," Grannis said. "CLU news TV needs to become year round to be approved as an activities class."

He added that in the future there is a possibility that there will be a film major offered at CLU.

Recognition given for corporate service

Award given to university for work in the Thousand Oaks community

By Danielle Kinsman

STAFF WRITER

In recognition for its engagement in the business community, the Thousand Oaks/Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce has recognized California Lutheran University as Corporate Sponsor of the year.

CLU was presented with the annual award on Feb. 1.

The black tie event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village.

"Cal Lutheran has been a member of the Chamber for 44 years now," said William Rosser, vice president of Student Affairs and dean of students.

Serving as the only accredited Chamber of Commerce in the Conejo Valley, the community is devoted to creating opportunities for business success.

The chamber's ultimate goal is to promote the quality of life in Thousand Oaks and Westlake Village through economic vitality.

Along with Rosser, Bob Allison, vice president of the committee, was also there to celebrate the honor.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Wennes, interim president, accepted the award on behalf of the university, which stands in a case in the president's office.

"It was more of a general recognition," Rosser said, "for the way the business school is ran."

The chamber is a professionally staffed non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the business community within the region.

With roughly 1,600 active business members, this is one of the largest in California.

"Long known for its idyllic climate, great schools, terrific shopping and dining, the Conejo Valley has so much to offer to residents and employers alike," said Ken Doyle, chairman.

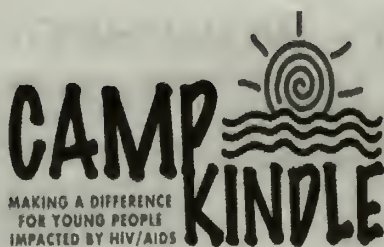
The members come together to attempt to make the cities of Westlake and Thousand Oaks a better place to work.

The chamber takes pride in diversifying the city through its rich culture.

The five-day event known as Conejo Valley Days dives into culture with a grand parade and a chili cook-off. This is one of the many events the chamber takes pride in.

Along with dinner, there was also dancing after.

"It was a party," Rosser said. "We all had a lot of fun."



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SUNDAY February 17	MONDAY February 18	TUESDAY February 19	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
<p>"Somebody told me it was frightening how much topsoil we are losing each year, but I told that story around the campfire and nobody got scared."</p> <p>- Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey</p>	<p>Presidents Day</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Bible Study, Luke's Parables of Jesus 5:30 p.m. Samuelson Chapel Lounge</p>	<p>2/20 SENIOR SALUTE DAY</p> <p>2/23 SENIOR'S LAST DAY TO PAINT THE ROCKS</p>

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Market research and internet resources; counterparts; qualifications of counterparts; US import process; export licensing; 7501 & SED; documentation.

Workshop 2 March 8 **IMPORT/EXPORT MATH**

Incoterms; components of a landed cost; percentage and fixed cost; cost of money; weight or measure; pricing negotiations.

* Skipped * March 22 * **HOLIDAY WEEKEND** *

Workshop 3 April 5 **CONTRACTS & BASIC ORDERING AGREEMENTS; FINANCE & PAYMENT TERMS**

Open accounts; advance payments; documentary collection; letters of credit; foreign exchange; purchasing agreements; sales agreements; clauses of an international sales agreement.

Workshop 4 April 19 **LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN**

Freight forwarders; customs brokers; carriers; terminal operations; warehouses and 3PLs (third-party logistics providers); risk management.

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KCLU wins six awards for broadcasting excellence

On-campus radio station recognized by The Radio and Television News Association of Southern California

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

Hidden somewhere in Mt. Clef Hall, on the corner of Memorial Parkway, is a small radio station that is producing award-winning work.

KCLU, an educational station designed to serve the needs of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, was recognized for its work as a station with a news staff of five or fewer people at the 58th annual Golden Mike Awards held at the Universal Hilton on Jan. 26.

The Radio and Television News Association of Southern California, a nonprofit group representing broadcast newsrooms throughout the region, recognized KCLU, at 88.3 FM, with six awards.

Lance Orozco, news director, won five awards for his individual work, including Best Spot News Story, Best News Special, Best Individual Writing, Best News Public Affairs Program and Best Business and Consumer Reporting.

Orozco, along with Jim Rondeau, program director, and John Palminteri, reporter, were presented with the Best Live Coverage of a News Story award.

"It's nice to be recognized. To have our peers recognize us, it's great," Orozco said. "It's

what we do, we cover the news. We do a good job at what we do."

KCLU answers the community's needs for a radio station that covers important local issues.

Founded in October 1994, the radio station's broadcasts reflect the diverse cultures, traditions and interests that make this close knit community and neighboring cities what they are.

"We cover the community when most other radio stations don't," Orozco said. "We serve a unique niche."

From the beginning, KCLU has been received with open arms. They have grown from having a few thousand listeners to 65,000-80,000 listeners, depending on the season.

"Residents throughout the region have embraced the station and helped make it the number one news station in Ventura County," said Mary Olson, KCLU general manager.

"KCLU's strong listener base is due in large part to the station's strong commitment to local news and public affairs programming."

Ritch Eich, vice president for marketing and communications at California Lutheran University, agrees.

"Residents of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties are avid listeners and supporters of



Photo by Bob Lefkowitz

KCLU news director Lance Orozco stands in front of the various awards the radio station has received. Last month, it was recognized with six Golden Mike awards.

KCLU and when we have major fires, mudslides and other natural events they count on KCLU for the latest news updates and traffic assistance," Eich said.

KCLU's influence has not gone unnoticed. They are an important link to the university.

"CLU introduces many residents of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties to CLU," said Katie Binz, the marketing and communications coordinator at CLU. "Many of the university's volunteers and donors' first con-

tact is through KCLU."

KCLU has also been noticed on a much higher level.

In the last five years, it has received 95 major journalism awards and has been repeatedly recognized for its news coverage by the Associated Press Television Radio Association, The Los Angeles Press Club, the Radio Television News Directors Association of Northern California and the Radio and Television News Directors Association of Southern

California.

"The on-air talent, Lance Orozco and Jim Rondeau, are among the best in the country," Eich said. "Mary Olson, the station manager, is in a class by herself."

They have received many of the same awards since 2001.

To expand in the future, the station would like to have a bigger building with classrooms and facilities for students to learn how to run the station.

Club connects students with careers Crayola embraces diversity

Campus organization helps various majors prepare for the future

By Krystle Mataras

STAFF WRITER

The American Marketing Association at California Lutheran University is a collegiate chapter of the nationally recognized organization of the same name.

At CLU, the AMA allows students the opportunity to get involved and connected with peers and professionals in the field of marketing.

"The AMA is a huge resource for future careers and building relationships through its national network of members," said Daniel Loghry, the president of the AMA at CLU.

"Our club aims at networking with local marketing professionals and sometimes even business owners, to get some insight on what happens post-college."

AMA membership entails joining fellow members for monthly meetings where guests from the community are invited to speak about their

marketing skills.

Marketing wannabes are prepared for life after college, including what to look for in a marketing firm.

"AMA gets you ready for the business world. The club jump starts the thinking process that communication and business majors are going to need as soon as we step foot outside of our asylum that is CLU," said Kelli Dryden, vice president of operations.

AMA's goals for the semester include building awareness of the organization on campus and adding to its national list of members.

The organization encourages students to sign up online at marketingpower.com.

AMA also plans to put together a major event on campus in order to bring publicity to the club.

"It's an open club, anyone can come to any of our events at any time," Loghry said. "With a membership they get all kinds of resources through

the Web and student memberships are cheap."

Business majors can also find the AMA helpful.

"Once a month we also incorporate a networking social to create a non-threatening environment where the AMA executive cabinet can meet with its members and usually professors from the school of business at CLU," Loghry said.

Aside from its professional opportunities, some of its members also think the club is a lot of fun.

"It's as much work as you want to give, I'm an officer and we all do a lot for the association, but its always fun, beach days, great speakers and there is always free food," Dryden said.

The next event planned by the AMA is a speaker presentation in Peters 104 on Feb. 27.

For more information, contact Loghry at dloghry@clunet.edu.

By Hollie Lowenberg and Amy Wayne

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Crayola might be more than a box of crayons, but it's also much more than a collection of ethnicities and persuasions.

It is about discovering the strength of individuality and opposing the plans society impresses upon people. Crayola was founded last spring and currently consists of fifty faculty members, administrators and students.

According to Jonathan Wise, the founder and president of Crayola, the club has exceeded expectations.

"It has just evolved way more than I imagined it to," he said.

Wise considers the club to be about more than just diversity.

"A lot of people see us as a diversity club, but in fact, we're pretty much just a club where we don't like to use the 'D word,' as we call it."

Discussion is the group's main tool for encouraging dialogue about individuality and differences between people.

Crayola also tries to spread

awareness by tying Crayola products into their various activities. Wise prefers a "show you, don't tell you" approach to awareness.

For instance, discussion topics have included the question "What is beautiful?" as a way of discussing diversity in a more subtle way.

"Each person had a different opinion and it got really deep. Some people talked about the leaves changing color in the fall, others talked about sacrifice, some about seeing their grandparents in love after 60 years," Wise said.

"It's a really fun way to talk about diversity. One of our goals is to find more creative ways to talk about diversity."

Crayola has quickly gained the funds it needs to continue encouraging awareness.

Jennie Metzgar, the club treasurer, is excited about the funds and the different opportunities Crayola will have to use them.

"We are so appreciative of the money we have received," she said. "The increase in funds allows us to do a lot more campus activities and events that are geared towards helping students understand the message of Crayola."

Student government discusses raising student fee

A \$25 increase would provide more funds for campus clubs and events

By Brittney Danielle Kennett

STAFF WRITER

Senators of the Associated Students of California Lutheran University Government are discussing raising the student fee by \$25 in order to better fund programs on campus.

If passed, this resolution will be implemented in the fall of 2008.

"The money is not just going to academic affairs; it will be going to Student Life and all of the offices and publications that run out of the Student Life office," said Dana Randolph, senior senate representative.

The fee increase for each student has been thought to be a great way for CLU to better fund programs on campus, and therefore, better support the student body.

"The money is going to be

going to clubs and organizations, student life, publications, multi-cultural events, community service center and others," Randolph said.

"Those who administer student fee monies try to do so carefully, responsibly and in ways that positively support the student experience."

William Rosser

To increase the already costly student tuition would be very difficult unless a very compelling reason is presented.

"I know that those who administer student fee monies try to do so very carefully, responsibly, and in ways that positively support the student experience of CLU," said

William Rosser, dean of students.

Still there are concerns about what the best thing is for students.

"This is a very tough decision for student government as they want to make sure to not unnecessarily increase any costs for students," Rosser said.

However, a consensus has been made among senators and more than 60 student club representatives think that the current amount available for student life to budget is too low for the needs of students.

"It has been five or six years since the student activity fee has been increased. There have been many things that have not been able to be funded at the levels various programs and groups now seek and need."

"The only increase in funding support for programming, publications and clubs and

student organizations that has occurred recently was due to increased enrollment," Rosser said.

Sally Sagan, assistant director of student life, has similar thoughts.

"The services are important and the groups that would be benefitting from this kind of monetary support are finding it challenging to function with the budgets that are currently in place for them," she said.

The proposal was student contrived and planned.

"Students last year discussed it and recommended the idea to senate and this year's group created a proposal."

"A passing resolution in the senate meeting will then go on to be presented and possibly approved by the Board of Regents who ultimately decide," Sagan said.

Some CLU students are willing to pay the price for a

bigger budget.

The effects of this proposal being implemented are greater than the cost to the individual, some believe.

"A little bit goes a long way. Even just a small increase in fees would create a huge effect on the budget of student programs."

Christy Sutphen

"A little bit goes a long way. If you think about how many students go to CLU, even just a small increase in fees would create a huge effect on the budgets of student programs," said Christy Sutphen, senior senate representative.

"It's a little bit for one person, but it effects the whole immensely."

Across

1. The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (79-90)
4. The former location of the mail center
5. The female mascot name for CLU
7. The world's largest nonpolar desert
9. The amount of pints in a gallon
10. Democratic presidential hopeful
16. Name of the interim president at CLU (2 words)
18. The periodic element with the symbol Br
19. Republican presidential hopeful
20. This president's birthday is on Feb. 22

Down

2. Dean of Students
3. Literary Magazine of CLU (two words)
6. Name of new softball field on campus
7. The state flower of Kansas
8. The cell phone carrier for the iPhone
11. Capital of Portugal
12. Head of the communication department
13. The location of the Res Life offices
14. Best Picture nominee starring Keira Knightly
15. A dining facility on campus
17. Largest Australian city by population

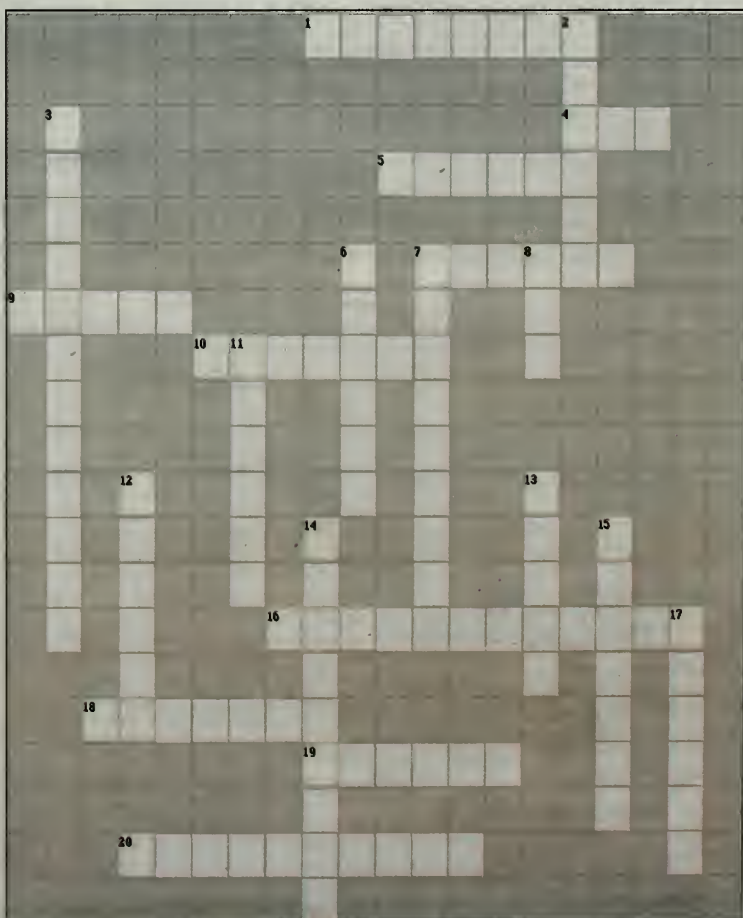
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Maid service offered on campus

Students can pay to have their dorm room professionally cleaned

By Krystle Malaras

STAFF WRITER

Whether you're a pampered homesick student or just too lazy to clean, California Lutheran University is offering all CLU housing maid service.

This service comes with a price. Residents at Pederson, Thompson, Mt. Clef and Old and New West halls can expect to pay from \$280 to \$360 a semester.

Students at Kramer Court, Mogen and Grace Hall can expect charges ranging from \$460 to \$540 a semester.

Prices include complete bathroom cleaning, vacuuming of the living rooms and bedrooms and removal of trash.

For Mogen Hall, Grace Hall and Kramer Court prices include complete bathroom cleaning, living room and bedroom vacuuming and complete kitchen cleaning.

Those living in houses and in Granada Gardens shouldn't feel left out, because services are also available to them. For \$600 to \$700 per semester residents will get complete bathroom cleaning, living room, den and bedroom vacuuming, trash removal and

kitchen and laundry room cleaning.

"If students need the cost to come down we would be willing to negotiate a different program. For example we could provide either monthly or bi-weekly cleaning services," said Charlene Ismay, operations manager at CLU.

E-mails were sent out to all student housing residents in August and students were informed during freshmen move-in day.

Operations management will be running a campaign this week to get more sign-ups.

Don't write off the service as self-indulgent just yet. Sign-ups will also be helping the environment.

"The maid service program was started in hopes of avoiding the need to use abrasive chemicals each May in the residential halls," Ismay said.

"The use of these cleaners can wear off the finish of the fixtures and surface materials, therefore shortening the life span of many of the new products used when the university remodels a hall. In short, we felt it would save the univer-

sity money and be better for the environment."

So far the service has been getting mixed reviews.

"I think it's a good idea because a lot of college students are lazy," said Jason Burton, a resident at a CLU house.

Some do not feel the service is necessary.

"I would not consider using it because I think that students need to learn responsibility and clean their own rooms," said Joelle Cortez, a Grace Hall resident.

Thirty-two students signed up for the service last semester and housekeeping is encouraging more to give it a try.

"It's \$280 to have a suite in Thompson Hall on the program during one semester, but the charge is divided among the number of students that occupy the suite," Ismay said. "If there were four students in the suite then it would be seventy dollars each for the entire semester."

For more information or contract negotiations contact Charlene Ismay, operations manager for CLU, at (805) 493-3536.

Campus Quotes

Did you give up something for Lent?

J.R. Wise, 2008

"Soda. I was going to give up carbonated beverages, but that would have included beer."



Amanda Wallace, 2010

"Starbucks."



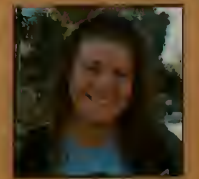
Eric Lopes, 2010

"No, I didn't."



Brittany Rahm, 2011

"Frivolous spending."



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"French fries from the Centrum."



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Things to do at the Lu



By Christina Duggan

OPINION EDITOR

California Lutheran University is more than just chapel on Wednesday and Club Lu on Friday.

Games, socials and shows are exciting and genuinely fun things that you can attend at CLU and they are usually free.

All of the events can be found on the CLU Web site.

Everything is so close, you really don't have an excuse not to.

Sports

Rugby – You may not have known, but CLU has a rugby team. Rugged men with no pads, scrambling to get an oval ball tossed backwards without getting thrown to the ground, what a sport. It takes some time to figure out the rules of the game, but there is nothing more entertaining than watching men lift other men and moments later, face plant a player who gets kneed in the back. I have yet to go to a game where there was not a single black eye, concussion or blood splatter.

Lacrosse – A land version of hockey, lacrosse players pass a ball to one another with a stick that has a net called a crosse attached at the end aiming to get the ball in the opposing teams net.

Pretty simple, except for the fact that hitting is allowed and that using the stick effectively takes talent.

My favorite part of the game is the face-off, one-on-one match up of who is the better player. If that doesn't exude competition, I don't know what does.



Photograph by Christina Duggan
Rugby team in action.



Photograph by Christina Duggan
Dance Team at "College Night."

Social Scene

College Night – As a member of the Dance Team, I am biased when it comes to College Night on Wednesday nights. Since it started my freshman year, I have been to what feels like thousands of times. With more funding from CLU, the Dance Team was able to keep the fundraiser at a minimum. Now I look forward to the themed parties, dressing in costumes and dancing in the middle of the week.

Under the new ownership, Borderline Bar and Grill has been making a tremendous effort to give the Dance Team as much money as possible and to keep the night fun for students.

Shows

Music – If you haven't been to an orchestra, choir or music department event, you are missing out. It isn't everyday that you can see trained musicians play live. The music department has performances from the University Symphony to Jazz and Wind ensembles. Nothing is more soothing to the ear than jazz music live.

Theatre – The CLU theatre arts department offers main stage productions each semester.

In April "Maids of Honor Maids of Honor" will be performed and in May, "Ohio" will take the stage.

The plays are unique to CLU because faculty and students write, produce, direct and act in them.

The improv group on campus is by far the most entertaining theatre production at CLU. Thursday nights at 11 o'clock, the group puts on skits that are completely on the spot.

Laughing until you cry is not uncommon, because these performers are hilarious.

I suggest attending something new.

CLU students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends...
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There is always some madness in love.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)

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By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

“Dear Dr. Love,

How does one find a man as delightful as yourself?

jk but really...How can a girl tell if a guy is interested in her and is it OK if she takes the next step in asking him to say coffee or Jamba Juice?

Thank you,
Smitten by springtime”

Smitten, first of all you sound like an incredibly intelligent and beautiful young woman.

What are you doing this weekend? I'm free on Saturday before like 3 p.m.

If you want to do lunch just let me know.

Call me on my cell (310) 945-

Love advice

Dr. Love assists with dating dilemmas

87...hold on, everyone is going to see this. Oh Smit, you almost got me. I'll just answer your question.

If a guy is genuinely interested in a girl he will do one of four things:

1. He will text her asking her to go do something.

2. He will write five consecutive comments on her Facebook page.

3. If he runs into her on campus, he will walk and talk with her even if it's out of his way.

4. He will somehow try and make physical contact, i.e. hand hold, shoulder rub, leg touch.

If a guy really likes you, and I mean really likes you, it will be easy to spot the cues. I will confess that some guys do enjoy flirting. This can either be just a part of his personality or a defense mechanism to put feelers out on how you feel about him.

To answer the second part of your question, I am somewhat torn. I used to tell women to be the hunted rather than the hunter.

However, times are changing. Unfortunately, most men have forgotten how to be gentlemen. Asking a woman out is somewhat of a lost art form. Most couples have trouble remembering how the first move was made or who made it.

If a guy really likes you, and I mean really likes you, it will be easy to spot the cues.

Last semester I wrote that women should never look too desperate and always leave a hint of mystery.

Although I still stand by those words, I see no harm in a girl requesting a trip to Jamba Juice or coffee.

Simple trips like these will never scare a guy off and actually serve as a terrific ice-breaker out- ing for getting to know someone.

“Dr. Love,

I recently started seeing someone and he really is a great guy. He does one thing that I really can't stand though: every time he sees a friend, that happens to be a girl, he starts flirting with her, often times in front of me. I don't really think he knows what he's doing, but I'm just wondering if I should confront him about it.

Thanks,
Anonymous”

Well Anon, and I hope you don't mind me calling you that. I can feel your pain. It's a burning sensation isn't it? It's located somewhere in your upper body on the left-hand side, correct? Anon, this is what I call a hurt heart.

Now maybe I didn't graduate from some fancy medical school, nor have I ever worked at a prestigious hospital with stethoscopes or cateters, but I could diagnose your case from four or even five miles away.

It kills to see your main squeeze laughing and flirting with some random girl. We've all been there. You mention that you doubt he knows what he's doing. That's a joke, right? He knows exactly what he's doing. The real question is his motive behind all of this.

He could be genuinely trying to make you jealous. Sounds awful, but deep down there is some sweetness to this strategy. If you say that you just started seeing him, chances are you two haven't set up parameters yet. He may not know what you want and/or what is expected of him. He may be doing this to get your attention. He might be thinking that if you call him out on it, it will show how much you really care.

The best thing to do is to talk to him. Lay it all on the line and explain how it makes you feel when you see him getting funny with different hunnies.

Keep sending those e-mails and I'll keep bringing top-shelf advice. Oh, and before I let you go, remember tomorrow is Valentine's Day, a.k.a. my favorite day of the year. Guys, find a nice girl and take her out. And ladies, will you be my valentine?

Always on my mind and forever in my heart,

Dr. Love
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Valentine's Day is great for all

Singles and couples alike enjoy the holiday of love

By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day has been traditionally a day about couples. It can be rough to be single when all around you are cute cards about significant others, boxes of chocolates and roses. Basically, the constant reminder that you don't have that special someone to light up your life sums up the holiday.

But it seems as if there has been a turning point in the whole idea of what Valentine's Day means.

You should never let a holiday make you feel down.

More and more singles are hitting the town and sharing a fabulous evening together for the holiday.

This week I watched a segment on the morning news about

fun things to do with your single friends on Valentine's Day.

Everything from throwing a fun dinner party for your closest friends with themed cocktails to having a flower exchange or a “girly-day” at the spa were suggested.

From a girl who has spent a lot of Valentine's Days with my two best friends and no man, I can vouch that it certainly isn't the end of the world.

I have actually had more fun with my best friends on Valentine's Day than with most of my past boyfriends.

In fact, I have been broken up with on Valentine's Day, thank you very much.

Spending Valentine's Day with your friends relieves the pressure and the expectations that are attached to the holiday.

Also, when you think about it, there really is nothing better than to have an excuse to have a night on the town, or a fun ladies night in.

This year Valentine's Day falls on a weekday, which between work and school doesn't make it

easy for people to plan something fun to do, even if you do have a girlfriend or boyfriend.

I have actually had more fun with my best friends on Valentine's Day than with most of my past boyfriends.

Since it is low on the holiday totem pole, we aren't given the day off.

We really should be given the day off; it would be fun to have a day just to be with the people in your life that you care about.

But because we are so pressed for time, I thought of some fun and simple ideas.

You can go ice skating or to the movies and get coffee or ice cream afterwards. A dinner date or movie night with a bunch of friends is always fun.

Try taking a relative or a friend out to dinner or my favorite, throw an informal un- Valentine's Day party or single

awareness party.

This way, single or not you can cash in on the fun of Valentine's Day without feeling left out.

You should never let a holiday make you feel down.

It is a holiday after all, so make the best out of it if you have a boyfriend or girlfriend or not.

Overall, I think it is best to celebrate the day for what it is, showing your appreciation for someone in your life that you love.

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Regals begin conference play Saturday

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

The newly finished Hutton Field will be on display as the California Lutheran University softball team will open up conference play against Whittier College.

At 12 p.m. on Saturday, CLU will square off with the Poets for a doubleheader at the Regals new home on north campus.

CLU plays exceptionally well when opening up SCIAC play.

In the past two seasons the Regals have a 4-0 record in the conference openers.

The Poets are a favorable opponent to open up against for the Regals who are 16-1 against Whittier in the last five seasons.

"The next couple of weeks of practice will focus on our hitting and I feel that as long as we bring our bats on Saturday, then the games against Whittier will be in our favor," said junior Nikki Campbell.

The Regals are led by the only returning senior Shauna Cogan, who plays left field and is the team captain.

CLU opened its season on Friday with a doubleheader against Cal State East Bay.

The Pioneers have been a tough opponent the last two seasons.

East Bay has beat CLU in four of five games in the last two seasons.

"I am thrilled with our first game performances, including our pitching, our fielding and our hitting," said Debby Day, head coach. "We just need come in the clutch in certain hitting situations."

In their first doubleheader of the season the Regals came out even, splitting the pair of games with East Bay.



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Sophomore Lizzy Chacon tossed a complete game and scattered nine hits and allowed two runs while earning the win. The pitcher also struck out five and notched a team-high two hits in the Regals 4-2 win at the new Hutton Field on Saturday.

They won the opening game 4-2, but came up short in the second after a late five-run rally and lost 9-6.

"Overall, I think, we performed well compared to last year's start," Cogan said. "We're a really young team so I think for the first time together we gelled well and we just need to come out and hit the way we know we can."

It was a monumental game for the Regals by opening up their new stadium and in comradely for this achievement the first pitch thrown was taken out of play. The first out at the new field was made by the senior left-fielder Cogan.

CLU's first run came off a sacrifice fly by freshmen Katie Strang that scored sophomore Susie Nicoll.

The Regals found themselves

in a jam in the top of the third inning with the Pioneers pressuring to score with the bases loaded.

Sophomore pitcher Lizzy Chacon forced two fly-outs to end the inning.

She found herself in another jam in the top of the fourth, but pitched herself out of it by forcing grounders and strikeouts.

Chacon finished with a complete game five-strikeout, nine hit performance on the mound and also helped her cause at the plate going 2-for-3.

Freshman April Rosas also had a standout day at the plate with Chacon going 2-for-3 with back to back RBI doubles.

The second game of the doubleheader was all Pioneers until late in the game.

CLU had costly errors that the Pioneers took advantage of and

capitalized after three scoreless innings.

The Pioneers took full advantage of the mistakes and tallied nine runs in the game.

East Bay pitcher Jesse Peterson threw five shutout innings and struck out six.

However, the CLU bats finally came around in the sixth where the Regals put together a five-run rally.

The rally consisted of five runs on three hits and was highlighted by Strang's two-run double with the bases loaded to get on the board.

The Pioneers responded and scored two more runs in the top of the inning on the forth CLU error of the game.

"We may have a lot of freshmen on the team and in key positions, but they do have vast experience, so we're looking to

have a great season this year," Day said.

For non-conference action this season the Regals have four double headers scheduled.

On top of the pair with CSU East Bay the Regals will two with Pacific Lutheran University, Menlo College and Chapman University.

Also, as in seasons past, the team will participate in six games at the Tucson (AZ) Tournament during spring break against some of the top Division III competition from around the country.

Last season CLU tied for a second place finish in the SCIAC after posting a 16-8 conference record.

In 2008 the team will again play four games with each conference team with home and away double headers against each team.

California Lutheran University Athletes of the Week

For the week of Feb. 4 - 10



Nita Sims - Women's Basketball

The sophomore sunk a buzzer beater to give the Regals a one-point win on Saturday at La Verne, knocking the Leopards out of first place. On Thursday, in an overtime win against Whittier, she connected on 7 of 7 field goal attempts and tallied a career high 17 points.



Paul Wetterholm - Men's Tennis

The junior helped the Kingsmen open their season with a pair of wins on Saturday against Occidental and Westmont. Wetterholm went 4-0 on the day with two wins in No. 1 singles (both in two sets) and won both his No. 1 doubles matches teamed up with fellow junior, Forrest Hunt.

Each week the athlete who has impacted their team the most will be recognized with CLU "Athlete of the Week" honors.

To view all of the Athletes of the Week since 2006 please visit www.clusports.com/pages/aow/

Women's hoops set for Valentine's date with Caltech

After pair of thrilling finishes, Regals set to take on Beavers

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

The definition of underdog is one at a disadvantage and expected to lose.

The California Lutheran University women's basketball team, look to conquer the underdog as the women of Caltech arrive at Gilbert Arena on Valentine's Day.

"Caltech is actually the best they have ever been this year," senior Mary Placido said. "We just have to play our game and not play down to their level."

In the previous meeting, the Regals won at Braun Athletic Center in Pasadena, 61-43.

A key to the game was freshman Kourtney Jones, who came off the bench to spark the Regals with 14 points, five rebounds and three steals.

Every game from this point forward is important for the Regals as they look to make the conference tournament at the end of the year.

A slip-up against Caltech could cost CLU its season as they sit in a tie for fourth place with Whittier.

The SCIAC tournament takes the top four teams in the conference.

Although Caltech did not win a league game last year, the Beavers have already won two this year and are perfectly capable of adding more wins to their record.

"They played us pretty tough the first time around," head coach Kristy Hopkins said. "We need to go into this game ready to go."

In the past two Saturdays, the Regals have had last-second opportunities to win games on the road.

The first occasion was with Pomona-Pitzer on Feb. 2, in which Nita Sims' shot came up short in a 71-70 overtime loss.

On Saturday, the Regals played the underdog role to host LaVerne, who was first in the conference standings.

Trailing the entire game and seeing the Leopards' lead blossom to as much as 15 points, the second half saw the Regals take a stand.

"We had nothing to lose and they had everything to lose," Sims said. "I think the win against Whittier gave us a

lot of confidence that we could do this."

The Regals never faltered, bringing the game to within one point on free throws by Placido.

A turnover by La Verne gave the ball back to the Regals with just 12 seconds left.

With the play not going as designed, Johanna Rothermel drove to the basket and passed to an open Sims.

"I just chucked it up and crossed my fingers hoping that it would go in," Sims said.

With the 168 in attendance holding their breath and Sims watching with her fingers crossed, the ball bounced through the net sending the CLU bench and fans into bliss.

The underdog Regals pulled the upset 64-63 over the Leopards.

"This was a huge win for us just because of where we are in the playoff race," Hopkins said. "It came down to playing good defense and rebounding."

On Feb. 7, the Regals played host to the Whittier College Poets.

The game was held in control by the Regals, securing their biggest lead at 35-25 with 11:20 left in the second half on a three-pointer by Placido.

The Poets made a charge and took their first lead at the 16:00 mark in the first half on a jumper by Christa Rainville with just 57 seconds left.

In came Tiffany Shim.

The senior from Pearl City, Hawaii, grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled with just 0.7 seconds remaining and the Regals trailing by two.

Shim went to the line and calmly sank both free throws which sent the game into overtime.

"I knew she was going to make both of them from the very start," Placido said. "She had a swag about her. I was more worried about what we were going to do in overtime."

In overtime, there was not much thought.

The Regals never relinquished the lead in the extra period to win 69-59.

In addition, Sims came up with another solid performance as the leading scorer with 17 points on a perfect 7-of-7 from the field.

Claremont next



Photograph by Scott Chisholm

Junior Joe Lonergan pumps his fist during his 6-3, 7-5 two-set victory over Occidental's Alex Montgomery on Saturday. He has opened the season playing No. 4 singles.

Men's tennis faces test Friday against defending SCIAAC champs, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

A big challenge awaits the California Lutheran University men's tennis team.

The Kingsmen are set to take on SCIAAC opponent and last year's conference champions, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges, in their first away match on Friday at 2 p.m.

The Kingsmen will also host La Verne University this Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

This will be the Kingsmen's third SCIAAC match of the season.

CLU went up against Occidental College in its opening match on Saturday. The Kingsmen took the victory over the Tigers 8-1.

"The work ethic is about as strong as it's been in many years," said Mike Gennette, head coach. "There's also a lot of leadership being shown."

Junior Paul Wetterholm won the No. 1 singles match 6-2, 6-3 along with the No. 1 doubles match with teammate junior Forrest Hunt 8-3.

"Everybody has matured quite a bit in the last year and they have worked really hard in the off-season," Gennette said. "They were playing tournaments and doing extra training."

The top four seeded players on the CLU team won in straight sets in their individual matches.

Senior Ryan Mattila was able to win his first set 6-1, but lost the second 4-6. He then took his single match into a deciding tie-break set that resulted in a 12-10 victory.

The Kingsmen tennis team also took on opponent Westmont College later that day.

The No. 2 doubles match was won by sophomore teammates Ryan Lassila and John Karsant 8-5. Sophomore Jordan Culpepper and freshmen Payton Aarestad, won the No. 3 match with a solid 8-3 victory.

"Our depth would definitely be our strength in our line-up and our weakness would be our youth," Mattila said. "We're still a little bit young."

CLU's performance proved to the team that youth was not an obstacle in these back-to-back victory matches.

"We have a lot of youth so future years should be good as well," Mattila said.

After trailing 0-6 in the first set, Mattila fought back in his No. 5 match to finish with back-to-back winning sets of 6-3, 6-4.

Both Hunt and Wetterholm won their No. 1 and No. 3 matches in straight sets.

The Kingsmen were able to repeat what happened against Occidental by sweeping Westmont in their doubles matches.

"Ideally, we want to finish top three in SCIAAC and personally have a winning record," Mattila said.

The Kingsmen now stand with a record of 2-0 and 1-0 in the SCIAAC.

After winning their first two matches, the Kingsmen are in hopes of continuing to have an undefeated record.

"There are several guys on the team who keep stepping up and who are going to be pushing their teammates to train even harder," Gennette said.

The Kingsmen will play each SCIAAC team once this season and then take part in the SCIAAC Tournament on April 18-19 that features all eight teams.

Aside from the conference games, CLU also has a stretch of seven games scheduled against out-of-state opponents.

It will give the Kingsmen an opportunity to see teams from different parts of the country and see how they match up.

"SCIAAC tennis is incredibly tough," Gennette said. "Claremont is one of the favorites to win the NCAA championships so they will be tough this year."

Kingsmen remain in second

Men's basketball still behind Occidental as they play Caltech, Claremont this week

By Scott Bredeesen

STAFF WRITER

Victories don't come easy in the SCIAAC in any sport, but with a great start to the season the California Lutheran University men's basketball team is in good position to capture a fifth conference championship.

The Kingsmen will host the California Institute of Technology tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Beavers have had trouble in the past getting victories, and took the University of Redlands into overtime last week. But still fell short 97-88.

With a record of 0-9, Caltech will try to upset the Kingsmen, who have an overall record of 17-3 and 7-2 in SCIAAC.

CLU and Occidental are leading the race in conference and are playing their best at this time.

CLU played host to Whittier College last Wednesday and defeated the Poets, 74-64, to redeem itself after a disappointing performance against the Poets earlier in the season.

"It seems that Whittier always steps up against us," said Brandon Tussy, a senior shooting guard.

He has had a torn ligament in his elbow that has held him back, but now he is ready to play.

Executing on both sides of the ball was the key to the Kingsmen success.

Andy Meier and Mychal Owens led the team with 17 and 16 points respectively. The two big men converted on 15-of-22 field goal attempts while they had their way down low.

At halftime the Kingsmen held a slim lead, 38-37.

CLU is ranked in the top 10 in field goal defense among the rest of the NCAA Division III teams, frustrating opponents and setting the tone on both sides of the ball.

The win for CLU evened the series between the two universities.

It also secured second place in the conference behind Occidental



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sophomore Mychal Owens dunks two of his 16 points against Whittier last Wednesday. The forward is averaging 10.2 points, 6.3 rebounds in 28.5 minutes per game this season.

College.

The Tigers have been the hottest team in conference this season posting a record of 8-1.

Oxy is in the top 25 in NCAA Division III and beat the

Kingsmen by nine points earlier in the year, which earned them a top seed in SCIAAC.

The Kingsmen traveled to the University of La Verne on Saturday for a key conference

game and won by 15, over La Verne.

The Leopards have a record of 3-6 in conference.

"La Verne is a very scrappy team that plays really physical

and hard," Tussy said.

CLU again got a lot of production under the basket and topped the Leopards 82-66.

Meier scored 27 points and really took over the game offensively.

Owens poured in 22 points as the two went a combined 21 for 27 from the field.

Sophomore Kyle Knudsen added 15 points, including a three-pointer as time expired in the first half.

"Good team chemistry, ball movement, and getting the ball into the post was how we got the job done," said Meier, a sophomore.

After they carried an eight-point lead into halftime, CLU came out and opened the second period with a 15-2 run and put the game out of reach.

On Saturday, the Kingsmen face another challenge when they host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, who ranks third place in the SCIAAC.

Earlier this season on Jan. 23, CLU topped the Stags 55-42 and snapped a 10-year streak of losing in Claremont.

The Kingsmen had not won a game at Ducey Gymnasium since Jan. 28, 1998.

Knudsen led the way with 13 points and Chad Acerboni provided 10 in the low-scoring game.

Claremont is led by senior guard Dan Winterbottom, who is averaging 12.1 points a game.

Last time they met, CLU held Winterbottom to just four points on 1 of 5 shooting. The Stags' Chris Blees led the team with 13 points in that game.

SCIAAC Standings

Occidental	8-1
Cal Lutheran	7-2
Claremont-M-S	6-3
Redlands	5-4
Pomona-Pitzer	4-5
Whittier	3-6
La Verne	3-6
Caltech	0-9

This Week in CLU Sports

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Men's Basketball vs. Caltech, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Women's Basketball vs. Caltech, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

Women's Tennis vs. Claremont-M-S, 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis at Claremont-M-S, 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Chapman, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Men's Tennis vs. La Verne, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis at La Verne, 9:30 a.m.

Swimming & Diving at SCIAAC Diving Prelims

Baseball at Chapman (DH), 11 a.m.

Softball vs. Whittier (DH), 12 p.m.

Women's Water Polo vs. Cal Baptist, 1:15 p.m.

Women's Water Polo vs. UC Santa Cruz, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16 (continued)

Women's Basketball vs. Claremont-M-S, 5 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Claremont-M-S, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Softball vs. Alumni, 1:00 p.m. (exhibition)

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Candidates introduced to public

Kimball and Boyt are the final two candidates for the university president, await final decision this week

By Candice Cerro

MANAGING EDITOR

The search for the next president of California Lutheran University heated up last week as two finalists were put through a rigorous interview process including a luncheon with student leaders and an open campus forum.

The two finalists are Dr. Thomas E. Boyt and Dr. Christopher Kimball.

Boyt is the dean of the college of Business Administration at Valparaiso University, while Kimball is the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at CLU.

Each candidate spent a day beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m. and including breakfast with the Regents, attending chapel and meeting with various administrators and students.

"I really enjoyed getting to hear from both candidates in an informal setting," said senior Sarah Mitchell. "It was great to hear about their view of CLU,



Photograph provided by Brian Bethman
Dr. Chris Kimball, left, and Dr. Thomas E. Boyt are the two finalists to be CLU's next president. The two met with the CLU community.

and the direction they see the university taking in the future." Each candidate was subjected to questions from a multitude of people on topics varying from fundraising, the religious background of the university, future changes to the university.

"I personally liked Tom Boyt," said junior Andrew Brown. "I thought it was great to hear an outside perspective on what we can be doing here at CLU."

On Tuesday and Wednesday



Photograph provided by Valparaiso University
Dr. Thomas E. Boyt is one of the two finalists to be CLU's next president.

at the open campus forums, each candidate spoke for about 15 minutes before opening the floor to questions.

"I thought that both candidates seemed extremely enthusiastic about the future of CLU, and potentially getting to play a role in it," Mitchell said.

The presidential search began in November with the assistance of WittKeiffer, an executive search firm hired by the Board of Regents to assist in the search process.

The presidential selection committee is made up of Regents, professors, faculty chair Dr. Sharon Docter and student body President Stefanie Lucas.

All students at CLU have had an opportunity to get involved in the search for the new president as undergraduate, graduate and adult degree evening program students were invited to the luncheons and forums.

"Seeing as a traditional undergraduate student who lives on campus has very different concerns than a graduate student who also works full time," Mitchell said, "it was important to have everyone at the table communicating their perspective of the university."

Students and administrators were able to fill out evaluation forms of each candidate to assist the committee in selecting the president. The new president is expected to be named sometime in the coming week.

For more information on the presidential search process, visit www.callutheran.edu/presidential_search/.

Panel helps students find career path

By Rich Culp

STAFF WRITER

Students filled the Roth Nelson Room to listen to the stories of how alumni began their careers in a communication panel. The event took place Feb. 13.

The panel consisted of Kelly Barnett, Cherylynn Carter, Heather Wood, Jimmy Fox and Wes Sullivan.

Carter is in the audio production field and worked for Chiat/Day, an international advertising agency. She was able to produce and cast for television, interactive media but preferred radio.

Some of Carter's most well known clients include Energizer, Nissan, Infiniti, Apple, Jack in the Box and Taco Bell.

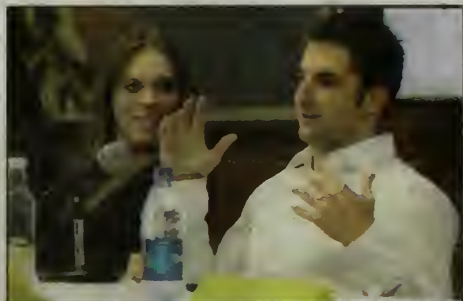
Carter has started her own new business called Precision Talent.

"We started Precision Talent in May of last year," Carter said.

While talking to the students Carter gave out some advice right before she was done.

"Creativity, organizational skills and you can't be shy are the three most important things to have in this line of work," Carter said.

Wood spoke next. She also



Photograph by Doug Kramert
Heather Wood watches as Jimmy Fox explains his career path at the careers in communication panel.

works at Precision Talent with Carter. She has worked on all sides of the microphone, camera and stage.

In addition to working with Carter, Wood owns her own business, Hotkey Transcription. Wood works in Web advertising, guerrilla marketing and audio production.

"The windy path I have had led me here today," Wood said.

Barnett is in the publishing field and works for Sage Publications.

"At Sage Publications, I get to work with every department," Barnett said.

Jimmy Fox was the next panelist to talk. Fox works

for NBC Entertainment and Universal Media Studios. Fox is the executive assistant to the chairman.

While at CLU, Fox played football and was the voice of the basketball, volleyball, and softball games. Fox also had his own on-campus TV show.

Before college, Fox worked at an AM radio station in his hometown of Santa Cruz. From there he was able to get an on-air position. During the summers Fox was able to get an internship with an NBC affiliate, and also the "Best Damn Sports Show Period."

He has worked on motion picture sets as an assistant and

also as a stuntman. Fox also worked for CAA, the largest entertainment agency in the business.

"The first job is the toughest to get," Fox said.

Sullivan was the final speaker to talk at the panel. His emphasis is in public relations and advertising.

Sullivan works at National CineMedia where he is the sales coordinator.

He supports an account director by researching sales leads, creating proposals and working with advertising agencies, movie studios, TV networks and other large companies looking to advertise nationally in NCM theaters.

The careers in communication panelists came from different spectrums of the communications major.

"All individual stories are unique and interesting but they all share common advice," said sophomore Margaret Nolan, who attended the panel.

Before the panel concluded Fox left the crowd with one last little bit of information and one liner to give to a future employer.



"In the beginning I'm going to make mistakes, but I'm never going to make the same mistake twice."

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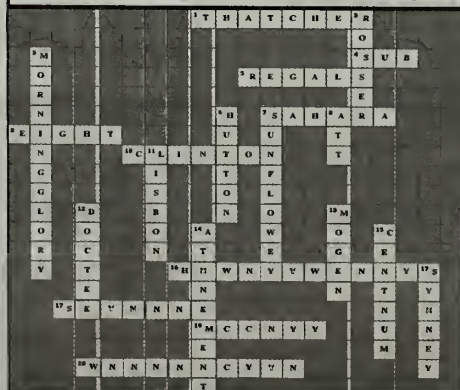
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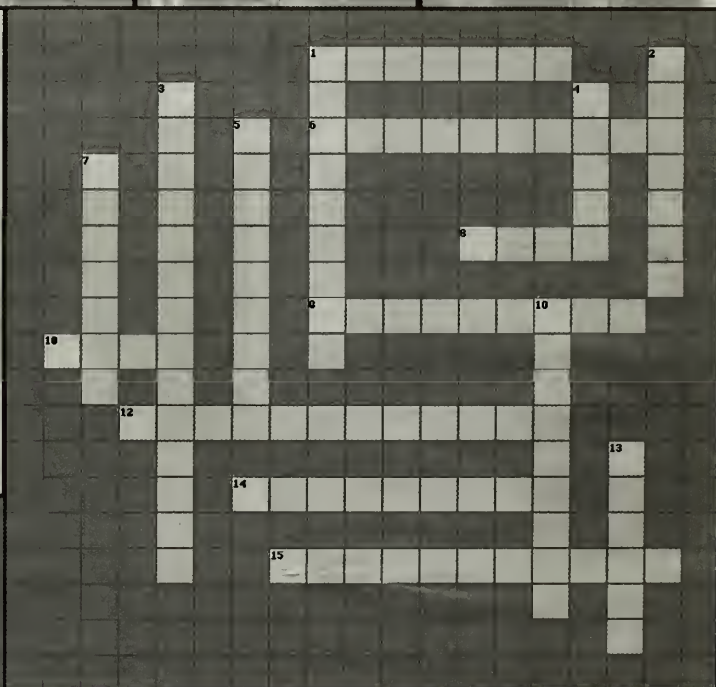
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Answers to 2/13 crossword puzzle



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- Best Actress, *La Vie en Rose*
- Best Picture 1998
- Best Picture 2000 (2 words)
- Best Documentary nominee by Michael Moore 2008
- Juno Best Actress Nominee (2 words)
- Best Supporting Actress, Michael Clayton
- Best Supporting Actor, Little Miss Sunshine (2 words)
- Best Director, *Brokeback Mountain* (2 words)

Across

- Michael Clayton, Best Actor nominee
- Best Picture nominee 2003 starring Adrian Brody (2 words)
- Best Original Screenplay 2008
- Best Director, *A Beautiful Mind* (2 words)
- Last name of the brothers who shared the Best Director award 2008
- Lord of the Rings director and winner (2 words)
- Best Picture winner starring Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix
- Best Animated Feature Film 2008

ASCLU-G elections end indecisively

By Clair Tenney

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Elections for Executive Cabinet positions on ASCLU-G were held last week, but only one office has a declared winner.

Elizabeth Peters, became the new senate director by winning hcr race over Stephen Roberts.

"I want to thank everyone who supported and voted for me in this election," Peters said. "I really do appreciate it. I'm also really excited about being Senate director. Next year is going to be great."

For the position of president, Candice Cerro finished the two days with more votes than Andrew Brown. However, because she failed to receive more than 50 percent of the votes, a run-off for Student Body president was held on Monday.

Robert Duff recieved more votes than Jesse Knutson for programs board director, but due to a possible violation a vote for recall was held yesterday.

Knutson collected 191 signatures in order to have a vote for recall. If two-thirds of the voting population were to support the recall a revote would occur.

If a re-vote does occur, then the entire process must be redone, starting from the beginning of applications. Anyone may join the race if the recall passes.



Dr. Herbert Gooch, Dr. Jose Marichal, Dr. Haco Hoang, Dr. Gregory Freeland and Dr. Fred Gordon made up the panel that discussed the results of Super Tuesday and the upcoming election.

Election analyzed and debated

By Tiffany Mataras

STAFF WRITER

A panel led by political science professors pondered the issues facing the primary elections in the Super Tuesday discussion.

Super delegates, candidate appeal and the division of voters by class were the main topics of discussion in the Lundring Events Center at California Lutheran University, Feb. 12.

The panel also touched on the similarities and differences of the candidates.

"I don't see a lot of policy daylight, meaning there's a huge difference in the parties," said Dr. Haco Hoang, political science professor and director of international studies. "This campaign is more about style than substance."

Although for the first time the elections include a female and an African-American male, this does not seem to be the determining factor of the demographic of voters supporting each democratic candidate.

"Blue collar workers are voting for Hillary [Clinton], white collar workers are vot-

ing for [Barack] Obama," said Dr. Gregory K. Freeland, professor and chair of the CLU political science department. "The youth is for Obama, the middle age voters are for Hillary; class and age are making quite a bit of difference rather than race."

Emphasis was placed on the public's lack of knowledge about the super delegates and the role they will play in the seemingly deadlocked democratic election.

"This election seems to be serving as an unveiling of super delegates," said Dr. Jose Marichal, political science professor. "They are something many voters don't know much about."

Exclusive to the Democratic Party, super delegates are comprised of those formerly in office and party officials including governors, members of Congress, and former presidents.

Unlike regular delegates, super delegates are not chosen based on the party primaries and caucuses in each U.S. state. They are selected based solely on their status.

Super delegates are important in elections that are

split. If the needed number of delegates to win the election is split among candidates, these super delegates are the determining factor.

Also, if one candidate has delegate support while the other has super delegate support the candidate supported by the super delegates can win.

While most of the professors on the panel agreed that super delegates provide a kind of check and balance for the primary system between insurgent forces and incumbent forces, some did not.

"I don't think it is relevant," Hoang said. "It exposes something undemocratic and out of date. That's something not many are aware of."

Some took the optimistic approach to a deadlock.

"The last brokered convention was in 1928, and remember, Lincoln was not the first choice of the party in 1860 — he was way down the list," said Dr. Herb Gooch, professor and director of the CLU Master's in Public Policy program.

While the qualities of Clinton and Obama seem to be splitting the Democratic

Party, Sen. John McCain is the unwanted frontrunner of the Republican Party.

"McCain's mother said it best: 'The republican leadership is going to have to hold its nose and make him the nominee, because the people have spoken,'" Hoang said.

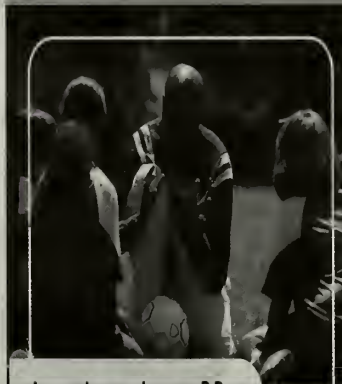
Professors shared advice on what voters should look for in presidential candidates.

"Look at their economic standing as well as their foreign policy. What's the future? It's mainly economic related," said Dr. Fred Gordon, political science professor.

While people in the news seem to be expressing their predictions on the outcome of the elections, the professors reminded everyone that it's still too early in the race to tell.

Especially considering the circumstances surrounding the possible deadlock, anyone could win.

"We're still in the dating phase of the elections. It's compatibility," Hoang said. "Do we want to take a walk on the beach with Hillary or go out to dinner with McCain?"



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Programs help students make responsible choices

Sexual Responsibility Week promotes healthy lifestyles and relationships

By Britney Danielle Kennett

STAFF WRITER

Wellness Programs sponsored Sexual Responsibility Week at California Lutheran University last week.

Various events took place during the week to inform students about the different ways they can be responsible about their choices and live healthier, well-balanced lives inside and outside their relationships.

"Sexual Responsibility Week is a time for Wellness Programs to give CLU students the information and resources they need to help make healthy choices if they are or are planning on becoming sexually active," said Amanda Whealon, Wellness Program officer.

"This week also focuses on healthy relationships, whether that is with your significant other, friends, roommates or family."

The week of programs highlighted the importance of sexual responsibility was not only designed to be informational, but to lend a hand in the support of the health of CLU students.

"It is important for sexually active students to realize the importance of being healthy and taking responsibility for their



Kyle Ballard, one of the participants in "The Dating Game," answers a question last Tuesday night in the Student Union Building.

actions and this week especially is a reminder for all people to make healthy choices," said senior Sarah Mitchell.

"Health services is discounting sexually transmitted disease testing. If people do not get tested regularly February is a good month to do it in."

"The Dating Game" was held in the Student Union Building on

Feb. 12.

It served as an opportunity for students to come out and meet each other in a safe environment and get a dose of the reality of being in a sexual relationship from Dr. Alan Goodwin, director of counseling services.

He provided the participants and the audience members with the pluses and minuses of choos-

ing to have sex.

"Events like this one are hella scary because they inform you about important things you need to know in regard to relationships," said junior Kyle Ballard.

"Actually, maybe they give you a little too much information that you don't necessarily want to hear."

Despite the shock factor of

factually comprised advice, many of the attendees of this particular event had an amazing time.

"I think they do a good job putting on these events. It seems like a great thing to do for Valentine's Day," said junior Kirsten Lindholm.

In addition, students were happy to see the school making the initiative to educate them about their choices on such a poignant issue in their lives.

"It's great that an office on campus is making it a priority. Specifically, this year has been wonderful," said Stephanie Lucas, CLU student body president.

"They are incorporating healthy lifestyle tips and information to improve the quality of life of students."

During the week, Wellness Programs succeeded in helping students to understand the effects of their decisions and provided them with useful information to make the best decisions for themselves and their health.

"We want to stress how important it is that everyone is entitled to happy and healthy relationships in their lives and that they should take the appropriate steps to get out of unhealthy ones," Whealon said.

BSU helps fund Martin Luther King Jr. memorial

By Krystle Malaras

STAFF WRITER

You probably saw him last week sitting by the flagpole behind a table, shouting above the blaring music from the neighboring dance team, encouraging students to donate money.

His name is Leon Townsend and he wants all California Lutheran University students to know that the Brothers & Sisters United is raising money for the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial.

The memorial is a national monument to be built in Washington, D.C. next to the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorial honoring the legendary civil rights leader King.

"We want to get donations from any students, faculty members, visitors and basically anybody willing to give," said Townsend, president of BSU.

"We are looking to raise as close to \$1,000 that a third grade class raised and so far we have raised over \$200 in three days."

Fundraising efforts started last week with stunts by the flagpole on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and moved to the front desks in the Residence Halls on campus where it will remain through the end of the

month.

"The effort extends beyond Leon to the BSU as well," said Juanita A. Hall, director of Multicultural and International Programs at CLU.

Brothers & Sisters United is one of the multicultural programs at CLU with a mission to unite and educate brothers and sisters of different cultural backgrounds about African American issues and cultures.

"You can either give to Dr. Juanita Hall, Multicultural and International Programs Office, or e-mail me at ltownse@clunet.edu and we can schedule something," Townsend said.

"If you live on campus, talk to the RAs in your hall."

The King Memorial, slated to open in 2009, will be the first monument for a civilian and black leader at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

It will also be among the last monuments on the mall following a 2003 vote in Congress to sharply limit development of the parkland.

Construction will not begin until \$100 million is raised. Majority of funds for this memorial will come from private donations since government funding for this project is limited. As of December 2007, \$82 million has

been raised.

Members of King's college fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, developed the idea for the memorial more than 20 years ago, and more than 900 contributions from 52 countries were submitted for the memorial's design.

"We want to get donations from any students, faculty members, visitors and basically anybody willing to give."

Leon Townsend

The MLK Memorial will honor Dr. King's national and international contributions and vision for all to enjoy a life of freedom, opportunity and justice.

The life and accomplishments of King will be represented through the use of water, stone and trees.

The memorial will be constructed on four acres near the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Monument, in direct sight of the Lincoln Memorial, where King delivered his famous

"I Have a Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963, at the March on Washington.

Before repeating the "Let freedom ring" refrain, King told the crowd, "We will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

Visitors will pass through an entryway cut through a massive stone symbolizing the mountain of despair inside and pass a missing section marking the stone of hope, bearing a carved profile of King.

It will be surrounded by walls chiseled with King's words that may eventually be the base for a waterfall.

The speech remains one of the most moving and influential in American history. King spoke of an America where his children "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

His efforts to encourage racial and economic equality brought about significant changes in America.

Since his death in 1968, King's vision lives on through his speeches and the successes achieved by his mission.

"MLK once said that in the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends. Being a

part of the fundraising was a mean for me to voice my appreciation," said Brice W. Ikoube, benefactor for MLK Memorial fundraising and freshman at CLU.

The Word

The Word is still accepting submissions for the 2008 edition. The staff invites and encourages you to submit your photos, art work, poetry, short story or musical composition to be considered for publication. Contact Carly Robertson, Editor-in-Chief at clrobert@callutheran.edu

The 2008 staff of The Word is Spreadin' The Word and we hope you will join us. Please visit our web site at <http://www.callutheran.edu/word> for information and updates.

"Invisible Children" shown on campus

Documentary tells stories of war-stricken northern Uganda

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

Children as young as eight-years-old are being kidnapped from their homes in the middle of the night and forced to become soldiers.

They are being turned into vicious fighters and desensitized to the horror and violence of war.

"Invisible Children: The Rough Cut" is the untold tale of these young children in war-stricken northern Uganda.

This year Invisible Children, Inc. is once again promoting their cause with representatives to screen the documentary, sell merchandise and encourage the youth to start a revolution.

A group of about 100 students took part in this tour when it stopped at California Lutheran University in the Samuelson Chapel on Feb. 14.

"During my freshmen year, an RA did a program in the chapel and one of the film makers came to discuss the film," said Pederson RA Caitlin McCandless.

"I looked on their Web site this year and found that they were touring again, so I asked if they would want to come again, and they did."

The movie's producers Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole originally set out to Sudan in 2003 to get a

story.

However, when they found themselves stranded in northern Uganda, they discovered firsthand the conflict that is taking place.

The violence is generally unknown to the international community.

The documentary highlights what the Ugandan community refers to as "night commuters," people who leave their villages each night out of fear of being abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army.

It specifically focuses on four young boys, through which the audience can view the horror of abduction, bravery of survival, the pain of losing a brother and the joy of children.

"Invisible Children" has meant a lot to me since the first time I saw the film in 2004," McCandless said.

"I was immediately impacted by the message and the amount of tragedy that the children in Uganda are facing on a daily basis."

The movie continues to have an impact on viewers.

"I've been involved since 2004 and every time I see this movie I have a new motivation to get involved at a different level," said senior Jessuca Buter.

"CLU students are in a great

position to be involved and we need to.

The film first started being viewed in June of 2004 to the filmmaker's friends and families. It then expanded to high schools, colleges and organizations.

It is even supported by musicians and bands such as Thrive, Fall Out Boy, Switchfoot, The Blood Brothers and As I Lay Dying.

The outcome was the same everywhere: everyone wanted to know what to do to help.

"One way to really help is to write a letter to Congress. You can also buy a 'Displace Me' bracelet or just spread the story of what is going on in Uganda," said Invisible Children, Inc. representative Andrea Nakhla.

This explosive response to the movie has, in McCandless's opinion, made all the difference.

"When I first saw the film all I could think was 'how awful,' she said. 'Now when I watch the documentary I think, 'wow, so many of these kids who were in such turmoil years ago are getting an education, living in safety, getting three meals a day, receiving a childhood.'"

Visit www.invisiblechildren.com for more information on how to help improve the crisis in northern Uganda.

Campus Quotes

What do you do for fun on the weekends?



Brett Waverly, 2008

"I like to go to the bar. What else is there to do?"

Amanda Graves, 2009



"When I'm not working, I like to hang out with my friends."

Ariel Collins, 2008



"I like to go to theme parks like Universal Studios and City Walk."

Hannah Cochran, Tessa Page, Kiah Shapiro, Brooke Hall, 2011



"We have parking lot parties."

Brent Bender, 2009



"I like to go to Hollywood."

Eiei Phuykhin, 2009



"Bars, lounges, clubs and the occasional party."

Movement aims to end violence against women

Campus group Feminism Is... presents "The Vagina Monologues"

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

Students celebrated 10 years of victories in the fight to end violence against women while dedicating themselves to ending violence.

On Feb. 14, or V-Day, in the Lundring Events Center, the club Feminism Is... performed "The Vagina Monologues," written by Eve Ensler.

V-Day is a nonprofit movement that is dedicated to ending violence against women around the world.

It began in 1998 as a product of the award winning episodic play "The Vagina Monologues."

The movement to stop violence against women has spread to more than 300 colleges where students and faculty have performed "The Vagina Monologues" on V-Day.

"I wanted to be a part of it when I heard they were doing it despite the fact it was slightly outside of my comfort zone because it is a powerful message to women about being confident and comfortable with the body we are given," performer Emma Kolden said.

Not only are there hundreds of colleges involved in V-day, but it has raised more than \$3 million.

The money has been given to various organizations fighting for the rights of women in Afghanistan, to stop genital mutilation in Kenya

and rape crisis centers in Bosnia, Croatia and Chechnya.

Hundreds of programs in the U.S. have also been given help.

"The Vagina Monologues" has been able to go to over 20 countries thanks to V-Day. Countries include China, South Africa, the Philippines, Brazil and Turkey.

Ensler based "The Vagina Monologues" on more than 200 interviews with women about their experiences and memories of sexuality.

The reading of "The Vagina Monologues" by Feminism Is... did not only attract a crowd of students from CLU, but people from around the area.

Two performances were presented.

Club members wore shirts that read, "Confidence is the sexiest thing I can wear."

To Feminism Is..., V-Day means being true to yourself and loving yourself.

This event was sponsored by the Center for Equality and Justice and Planned Parenthood had a table where information was available.

"I think everyone should see 'The Vagina Monologues,' because often when we are uncomfortable there is great potential to learn and experience something new that can help you to relate and understand others," Kolden said.

More information on "The Vagina Monologues" or V-Day is available from Feminism Is... and www.v-day.org.

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By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

"Girls don't want guys that have always been hot. They really want nerd guys that become hot." —Andy Samberg

I used to sit and wonder what happened to Ryan Madrid.

Ryan was a good friend of mine from elementary school. He liked sports, but never played them. His mom dressed him; he wore polo shirts and khakis seven days a week. He was addicted to playing computer games.

Now I know what you're asking yourself, "Why the heck was I friends with this kid?"

Love advice

Being a nerd is worth its weight in lead

First of all, how can you readers be so shallow?

He was unbelievably kind and would give anyone the shirt off his back. And his older sister was incredibly hot.

Ryan was a nice kid, but certainly fell under the "nerd" category. We ended up going to middle school and high school together.

Our groups of friends eventually changed and I found Ryan to become more of an acquaintance; a guy I would merely say "hello" to in the halls.

He never had a girlfriend. I never saw him at a dance. Group projects were his only interaction with females. "Poor guy," I would think to myself.

Well I ran into this "poor guy" last year during Christmas break and I could not even recognize him.

His comb over hairstyle was

now spiked; he had earrings and looked like he got his entire outfit from Urban Outfitters.

Oh, and he also had a girlfriend!

Ryan definitely pulled a 180-degree turnaround from the kid I knew in grade school. However, the nerd element was still there, remnants of it at least.

I am now beginning to see thousands of guys just like Ryan. Young men who were nerds growing up, but have now learned how to use it to their advantage.

Look around the music scene. One will see countless bands with dorky looking lead singers.

Bands like Fall Out Boy have prided themselves on being the anti-popular guys, but in doing so have totally flipped the switch.

Now young girls everywhere are throwing articles of clothing at them. Heck, their bass player is dating a Simpson.

Love is not blind - it sees more not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less.

Rabbi Julius Gordon

February 27, 2008

1. Go buy a couple vintage T-shirts. You're probably already pretty skinny so they should look pretty cool on you. But don't get the slogan T-shirts, you know the ones that say funny things on them. Those are lame.

2. Always have something funny to say in class, but never say it. Turn off the filter and just start gabbing away during group discussions. Before you know it, girls will be talking about that "crazy guy in the vintage T-shirt who says the funniest stuff."

3. Talk to a woman. She doesn't even have to be a girl you want to date. Chances are you have very little interaction with the opposite sex. Practice makes perfect.

After awhile, convos with women will seem like second-nature. Chat rooms will seem like pre-school once you experience the real thing.

So there you have it. I want to create a nerd, dork and dweeb army with one mission: become the cool guy.

And for every jock, stud and muscle head out there, get your weapons because this is going to be a battle for the ages.

Wishing you were here,
Dr. Love

With a revamped style and interests in things other than sports, nerds have been able to find an entirely new avenue of opportunities.

The cheerleading captain was once the Mecca to these guys, but now they find themselves worshipping the punk rock girl who loves independent films and works at a pet store.

The key to their transformation is simple; they gained confidence.

Somewhere along the way nerd guys discovered that there is the potential for "cool" in their lives.

It started with finding a sense of humor, shifted to the way they dress and concluded with developing a way to chat with ladies.

So if you're looking for a cheat sheet (chances are you're a nerd), then here is an easy three step tutorial:

East L.A. a mecca for musicians

By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

Living within driving distance to Los Angeles opens up a lot of doors to great night life, food, music and entertainment. It is a place that has a reputation for growth and opportunity. So, it is not uncommon for bands who get started locally to make their way out to the place "where stars are born." We hear of rap and hip-hop coming out of Compton, Watts and south central L.A., pop being produced in the Hollywood

hills, big labels making their homes in Burbank and Beverly Hills and rockers rocking out at the Whiskey, Roxy and Viper Room on Sunset. But there is a little hide away for great hipster indie in Los Angeles. Yes, indie still lives, and its home is in Silver Lake.

For those of you who don't know Los Angeles very well, Silver Lake is on the east side of L.A. away from the beautiful streets of Rodeo and the flashing lights of Hollywood Blvd.

In fact, I have spent so much time on the west side of L.A. coming to the east side was like entering a new country. On sketchy looking streets and in worm-looking buildings are fabulous little venues oozing with indie talent. Places filled with trendy eastside's in its thrift-store-chic apparel. This is where bands like Silversun Pickups and Great Northern got their start and still call home.

Venues like the Echo, Spaceland and Silver Lake Lounge hold concerts all days of the week featuring the promising indie hopefuls from the area. One of the coolest things about Silver Lake is this community of artsy indie hipsters.

When you come to Silver Lake, the musical artists are all from the area. Their friends and followers are at the show and when you walk down the streets

of West Sunset or Alvarado you might bump into one of the people you saw playing at a venue the night before.

Originally the term "indie" was short for independent, which meant the band or solo artist was on an independent label. Starting in the mid 1980s, the genre of indie as alternative or college radio music, grew into the empire that it is today.

Today, indie music has shied away from its alternative roots and is more experimental. And some indie considered artists are signed to major labels such as Modest Mouse and The Killers, but the sound of indie still resonates with them.

When the spring semester started I got the opportunity to work with a company that publicizes a lot of indie bands and was instantly intrigued by their style and music. After going to a couple of their shows I can tell what all the underground hype is about.

It's a different experience, a different crowd and atmosphere from anything I have ever experienced in L.A. and it is a lot of fun. New indie bands are always popping up in the area which keeps the vibe fresh and new, there is no association with boredom in the indie scene.

The music may not be for everybody, but the experience is worth the trip to the eastside.

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Regals sneak in tournament



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Senior guard Tiffany Shim and the Regals have found their way into the four-team conference tournament.

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

Although the downpour of rain slowed most of Southern California on Saturday, it didn't stop the California Lutheran University women's basketball team and its hopes for the fourth seed in the SCIAAC Tournament.

Going into the game against the Bulldogs of the University of Redlands, the Regals saw themselves tied with Whittier College for fourth in the conference.

A Whittier loss to first place Occidental College and a Regal win would ensure them that their season would continue.

"Honestly, we decided beforehand not even to think of what was going on over at Whittier," said sophomore Nita Sims. "With Redlands already in the SCIAAC tournament they just wanted to win this game. We needed to win this game."

The Regals did so in convincing fashion with a 77-71 victory in Redlands.

CLU came out hot and had a 41-23 advantage going into halftime.

The second half continued in the same manner, but the Bulldogs would not go quietly on their senior night.

After the lead grew to as much as 23 for the Regals in the second half, the Bulldogs slowly chipped away at the lead, coming as close as one point with 1:04 left on the clock.

The Regals called timeout with 45 seconds to play and drew up a play with their season on the line.

Senior Allison Neill (three points, 14 rebounds, four assists and three steals) found Maggie Neville in the corner and she calmly sank a 3-pointer, giving the Regals a four-point cushion.

"If you want the truth, I was actually looking for Mary on that play," Neville said. "I was so wide open though and everyone was yelling at me to shoot it, so I did."

Missed 3-pointers by the Bulldogs and successful free throws by Tiffany Shim and Sims secured the win for the Regals and a conference tournament berth, with Whittier losing to Occidental.

The Regals will travel to Eagle Rock tomorrow to take on first place Occidental in the first round of the SCIAAC Tournament.

"I definitely know we can beat them, so I'm excited about the game," Sims said.

Last Thursday, the Regals

squared off against Oxy in a tune-up for their upcoming rematch.

The Tigers, who sat in first place in the SCIAAC and winners of nine straight, acted as a bump in the road, as the Regals saw their chances of securing a play-off spot tighten and fell 60-45.

With 15:42 to play in the first half, the Regals took their lone lead in the entire contest.

Then just 31 seconds later, a three-point basket by Occidental's Stacie Roshon rattled through and the Tigers never looked back.

At half the Regals were down by six and were able to cut their deficit to three early in the second half but were not able to sustain pace with the Tigers.

"We let them shut down our inside game which then took away our outside game," Neville said. "We played horrible last game and we have the confidence that we are going to play much better."

Mary Placido was the only player to score in double digits for the Regals with 12 points compared to three scorers in double figures for the Tigers.

Also contributing with a solid overall game was Neill. The senior had seven points, 11 rebounds, four assists, three steals and a block.

Baseball ready for series with CMS

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

After a rainy weekend of baseball, the Kingsmen of California Lutheran University will return to conference play against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges this weekend.

The Kingsmen have performed well in the past three seasons against CMS, compiling a record of 7-2.

It's a three-game series with the opening game taking place at George "Sparky" Anderson Field on North Campus Friday at

2:30 p.m. The concluding games will be held at CMS as a double header the following day starting at 11 a.m.

"With a young team we need to be able to close out the close games when we're ahead," head coach Marty Slimak said.

This past weekend the Kingsmen opened up conference play against the University of La Verne.

It was a tough three games for CLU as Friday's game was suspended due to rain and the Kingsmen lost both games in the double-header on Saturday.

Friday's game at ULV was suspended in the top of the fourth inning with the Kingsmen leading 6-5.

"With the suspension of Friday's game it put a halt to the momentum that we were carrying into the game and led to our sluggish start in Saturday's game," sophomore Paul Hartmann said.

The score of the first game on Saturday was 9-4 and the second game was 7-1.

In the first game, La Verne got on the board quick with a two-run home run by Jack Mehl in the first inning. CLU was held in check

until the fourth inning when senior Trevor Davidson drove in Hartmann for the Kingsmen's first run of the game.

The Kingsmen produced a small rally in the sixth inning cutting the deficit to 5-3, scoring runs on a throwing error and a single by Jordan Ott, but it would not be enough.

Peter Schmitt throwing four innings, giving up seven hits, only one run, while striking out five Leopards provided a bright spot in the first contest.

"We are going to look to learn from our mistakes this past

week," Davidson said. "Hope that we can continue our success against CMS and get back on track in conference play."

La Verne came out strong in game two, scoring three runs in the top half of the first. The only run the Kingsmen were able to put on the board was from a La Verne fielding error that allowed Landon Smith to score in the first.

"When our pitching starts to come around like we hope this team will be good and be at the top with the other SCIAAC schools," Slimak said.

California Lutheran University Athletes of the Week

For the week of Feb. 18 - 24



Kelsey Myers - Women's Swimming

The senior capped off a dominating three days with a 100-yard freestyle victory with a time of 52.48 and bettered her chances of qualifying for nationals. In all, she earned three SCIAAC titles in the 50, 100 and 200-free. She added a fourth first place finish with the 800-free relay and tallied six podiums overall. The times in all four winning performances were NCAA 'B' Cut qualifiers.



Jared Vermillion - Men's Swimming

The sophomore landed two podium finishes with a strong third place showing in the 200-yard butterfly and a second place standing in the 100-yard butterfly, breaking his own record by more than 1.5 seconds with a time of 52.98. His 200-yard butterfly time was 1:58.57, three seconds faster than his preliminary time and the first time a CLU swimmer has finished the event in less than two minutes.

Each week the athlete who has impacted their team the most will be recognized with CLU "Athlete of the Week" honors.

To view all of the Athletes of the Week since 2006 please visit www.clusports.com/pages/aow/.

Swimmers finish SCIAC

Women's team finishes fourth at conference championships, men fifth

By Scott Bredeisen

STAFF WRITER

With fierce competition at the 2008 Swimming and Diving SCIAC championships, the California Lutheran University men's and women's swim teams had to perform at a high level to compete with their conference opponents.

The Kingsmen took fifth place with 354.5 points while the Regals placed fourth overall with 487 points.

Four CLU swimmers will wait and see how their times hold up to see if they qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

"The women's side has done great with only nine girls," senior Christa Ratcliff said. "Coach Tom Dodd's program works if you do what he asks."

The biggest competition on the women's side has been the University of Redlands and Occidental College.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps showed it is also talented and claimed the SCIAC championship for 2008.

Seniors Kelby Tursick and Kelsey Myers have been leading the way for CLU all season and again had a strong showing last weekend.

Myers earned three SCIAC titles in the 50, 100 and 200-freestyle while Tursick placed a respectable ninth place in the 100-butterfly.

Ratcliff has had a successful senior season. She shaved 29 seconds off of her personal best, a major accomplishment.

"I've had a fun year with everyone on the team," Ratcliff said.

Ratcliff, Myers, Jill Minehan and Jillian Friend were all named as all-conference finishers in two or more events.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps won its sixth consecutive conference championship scoring 938 points overall and dominated the rest of the field.

Redlands took second while Pomona-Pitzer followed a respectable third place finish.

Sophomore Jared Vermillion claimed a pair of top-three finishes at the three-day event.



Photographs by Scott Chisholm

Christa Ratcliff (top) has to wait and see if her times will be good enough to earn an invite to the NCAA Championships. Jared Vermillion (bottom) tallied two top-three finishes.

Saturday he claimed a third place finish in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:58.57.

It was the first time in CLU history that a swimmer has completed the event in less than two minutes.

On Friday night, Vermillion earned his first trip to the podium with a second-place effort in the 100-yard butterfly.

His time of 52.98 surpassed his own record in the event by 1.5 seconds.

Senior Sam Walton has been a huge part of the men's team and has been grateful for the season the team has had.

"The team has really come together and we are performing great," he said. "We broke every relay record by two seconds, which is an enormous accom-

plishment."

It was the first year that a male swimmer has finished in the top three of any event.

"I was excited that Coach Dodd mixed up the workouts and made them fun," Tursick said.

The senior felt that the difference-maker for Claremont was that they had bigger and more solid swimmers.

Tursick was pleased with his results, especially his ninth place finish on the final day of competition.

Senior Eric Vaughn, CLU's lone diver, finished in third place in the one-meter competition with a score of 408.00, a new school record.

He took third in the three-meter event as well with a record of 382.40.

Six individual records were broken by the end of Saturday night.

The swim team held its own on the final day of competition and moved up one spot in the standings.

Dodd is in his third year with CLU and brings more than 30 years of coaching experience to the table.

He is from Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., where he was the aquatics center director and head coach of swim teams since 1987.

"[Dodd] has prepared us great all season, most importantly this weekend at the SCIAC championships," Walton said. "The third day is most important and he got us ready mentally as well as physically."

Softball splits pair with 'hens

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

After two prior double header splits, the California Lutheran University softball team traveled to face the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens Saturday and split for the third time this season.

The final scores were 12-10 and 8-3 respectively.

The Regals came back from a deficit of 10-5 during the first game. CLU rallied with seven runs in the seventh inning.

"It was like a chain reaction," junior Nikki Campbell said. "Somebody went up there, got a double, then a single. That's how high our spirits were."

Senior outfielder Shauna Cogan singled to centerfield and sophomore Lizzy Chacon scored to tie the game.

Following that, freshman Katy Bateman was able to drive in Cogan and fellow freshman Katie Strang with a double to centerfield.

After trailing 3-2 in the second game, Pomona-Pitzer came up during the fifth and sixth inning and scored a total of six runs.

"We nailed that pitcher in the first game," Campbell said. "In the second we needed those clutch hits when runners were on."

During the third inning, sophomore catcher Emily Robertson hit a home run to bring in the three runs.

CLU has now won every opening game and lost the second of its three double headers.

"I think the team needs to focus for both games," Cogan said. "We need to put some pressure on ourselves up in the box and hit the way we hit in practice."

The Regals now stand with a record of 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the SCIAC standings.

"I think we have had our moments of greatness and moments of average, and we have the potential to be very, very good," head coach Debby Day said.

This Week in CLU Sports

Thursday, Feb. 28

Women's Basketball at Occidental, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 29

Men's Tennis at Chapman, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis vs. La Sierra, 2 p.m.

Baseball vs. Claremont-M-S, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. TBA, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 1

Men's and Women's Track & Field, 10:30 a.m.

Baseball at Claremont-M-S, 11 a.m. (DH)

Softball vs. Redlands, 12 p.m. (DH)

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Sunday, Mar. 2

Golf at Huntingdon Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Monday, Mar. 3

Golf at Huntingdon Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 4

Golf at Huntingdon Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

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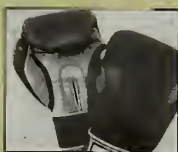
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Recall approved

Due to a violation, another election for Programs Board Director will take place

By Laura Bebinger

STAFF WRITER

Elections for one student government position must begin all over again as a recall was requested two days after Robert Duff was elected as the Programs Board director.

"Information packets will be available Monday, March 4th for those wishing to run," said senior Chase Linsley, ASCLU Senate director. "The recall election will be held March 11 and 12."

Candidate Jesse Knutson filed the request for a recall after he learned that Duff broke a campaign policy by sending a Facebook message to students the day of the election.

The ASCLU-G Constitution, Article VIII Section 3: Recall, provides a measure where a petition for a recall can be made if campaign policy is violated.

"A student has within 48 hours to present a petition to the ASCLU Programs Board director and Senate director with 10 percent of the ASCLU's signatures," said senior Kelli Garretson, the Programs Board director.

The recall vote was held on Feb. 26, with the result being in favor of a recall, with 68.56 percent supporting the decision and 31.44 percent opposing.

One hundred ninety-four votes were cast, with 133 of those in favor of the recall as opposed to 61.

A statement was presented to the student body informing them of the recall and the policy that Duff had violated to clear up any confusion.



Sophomore Kole Tanouye hands his ballot to ASCLU-G President Stephanie Lucas during the recall voting Tuesday next to the flagpole.

There were policies in place regarding campaign strategies

that could and could not be used by the candidates during

both the first election and the recall election.

These policies were communicated both verbally and in a written form to the candidates involved.

"I think that was great because it gave the student body the opportunity to get informed on the recall itself and make a decision for themselves, rather than seeing a sign that looks cool and deciding to go with that," Knutson said.

Because the recall was approved, candidates will have another opportunity to campaign before the re-election.

Students who did not run in the first election and are eligible to participate are invited to run in the re-election.

Brown narrowly defeats Cerro

By Laura Bebinger

STAFF WRITER

Andrew Brown was able to win a run-off election for ASCLU-G president by only three votes after Candice Cerro won the original election but failed to reach a plurality.

ASCLU-G Constitution requires a run-off to ensure one candidate receives 50 percent of the vote.

The 50 percent rule is in place to prevent chaos if many candidates run a position.

The rule only applies to the executive cabinet positions and a run-off must occur if no

candidate receives more than half the votes.

"I don't think that somebody should have to receive a certain percentage of the votes to win," said senior Jordan Benedict. "If they win the majority vote then that's all they should need."

After the election was recalled, the candidates began again with campaigning.

"I was expecting to have the campaign over but I ended up having to put everything back up, put new posters back up, and it was another fork in the road," Brown said.

Benefactor dies, leaves mark on campus

By Tiffany Mataras

STAFF WRITER

Robert Samuelson, one of the most generous and beloved California Lutheran University philanthropists, died Sunday at the age of 81. He lost his battle with Mesothelioma cancer at his home in La Cañada-Flintridge.

Samuelson was a property-contract developer who along with his brother Jack, founded Samuelson Partners Co. in 1946.

His company, where he served as director, played a crucial role in building the Orville Dahl Centrum, Peters Hall, locker room additions, a number of

residence halls, Samuelson Chapel, the Soiland Humanities Center and Samuelson Aquatics Center.

The Aquatics Center allowed CLU to create its very first competitive water sports program.

"We were deeply saddened as an aquatics community because Mr. Samuelson was so instrumental in paving the way for careers as coaches, athletes, and fans of both swimming and water polo," said Craig Rond, CLU Associate Aquatics Director. "He will be missed tremendously but his memory will live on in our hearts as we continue to utilize the facility that he so generously donated the funding for."

Samuelson spent nineteen years on the Board of Regents and continued supporting the University even after he stepped down in 2004.

He also served as a Convocator, a CLU Fellow, a member of the New Dimensions, Chapel Steering, Chapel Interior Design, and the Property and Planning Committees.

"He was a consultant for all the projects. He was our guardian angel, a legend and a role model," said Howard Wennes, interim president of CLU who knew Samuelson for 20 years.

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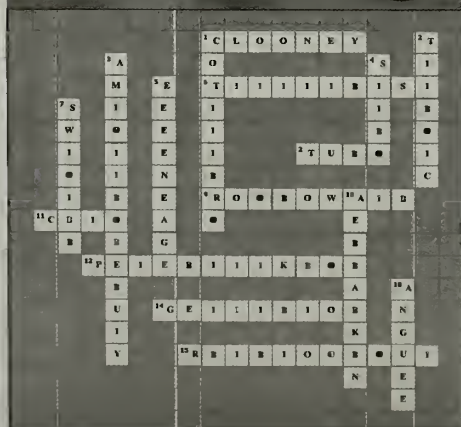
WEDNESDAY March 5	THURSDAY March 6	FRIDAY March 7	SATURDAY March 8
Monitoring, Modeling & Assessment: Comprehensive Tools in Evaluating Environmental Injustice <i>A discussion with CLU chemistry professor Dr. Grady Hanrahan</i> 5:15 p.m. Soiland Humanities Center	"Marriage" in the Park Noon, Kingsmen Park Hutton Softball Field dedication 3 p.m. Hutton Field Speech and Q&A with talk radio host Kirby Wilbur 4:30 p.m. Roth Nelson room Last Chance: Hike to the Cross 6 p.m. Samuelson Chapel Valparaiso University Choral 7:30 p.m. Samuelson Chapel	Visit "Uncommon Places: Photography by Brian Stethem" Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture open through March 27	"For mad scientists who keep brains in jars, here's a tip: Why not add a slice of lemon to each jar, for freshness." -Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey
SUNDAY March 9	MONDAY March 10	TUESDAY March 11	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
CROP Hunger walk Noon, Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center Museum of Tolerance <i>Asian Club and Friends and the United Students of the World</i> 12:30 SUB University Symphony: A Night at the Opera 2 p.m. Samuelson Chapel	Crepes Party <i>Eat Crepes and Watch Amelie</i> Grace Hall, 5p.m. 	"What is it that makes a complete stranger dive into an icy river to save a solid-gold baby? Maybe we'll never know." -Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey	SPRING BREAK STARTS!!! <i>March 14 at 4 p.m.</i>

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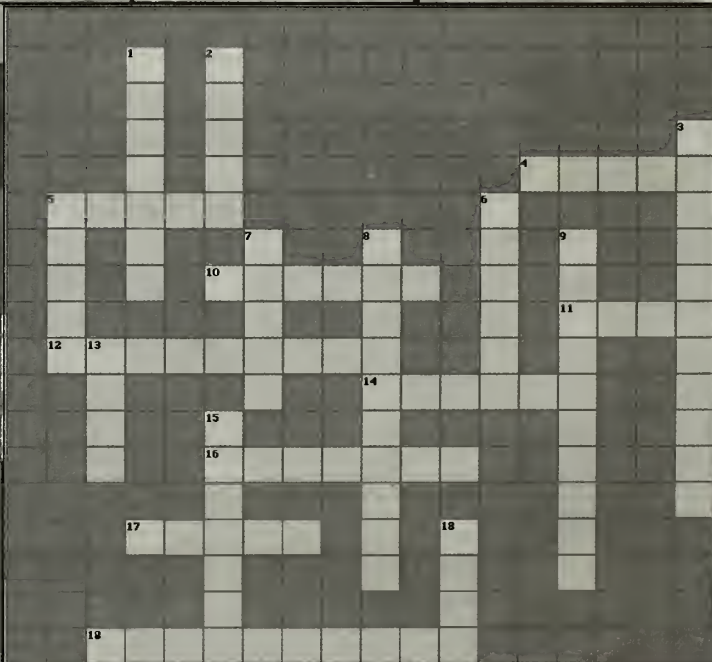
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Answers to 2/27 crossword



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- The British nanny who flies with an umbrella (2 words)
- The number of dwarves Snow White lives with
- Bambi's skunk friend
- Beauty's name in Beauty and the Beast
- The Disney princess that loses a glass slipper
- The place Alice goes to when she falls down the rabbit hole
- Ariel's prince in The Little Mermaid
- Aladdin's love interest
- First name of the founder of the Disney company

Across

- The main character of The Lion King
- The big blue monster in Monsters, Inc.
- The wizard in The Sword in the Stone
- The fish that gets lost
- Where Peter Pan lives
- Winnie-the-Pooh's gloomy friend
- Location of Disneyland
- The flying elephant
- Sleeping Beauty's enemy

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Samuelson Professor explains Lutheran tradition in higher education

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Samuelson was a member of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. His work in building the Samuelson Chapel earned him a CLU Christos Award in 2001.

Aside from his contributions to CLU, he was president of the La Canada-Flintridge Chamber of Commerce.

He also participated in the founding, building and funding of the YMCA.

"There are not many people cut from his cloth in today's world and I enjoyed every opportunity that I had to be around him," said Thomas Dodd, director of aquatics at CLU.

Samuelson was born in Hollywood on July 8, 1926.

He graduated from Hollywood High School in 1944 and lived in La Canada-Flintridge for 50 years.

He loved to golf and was a member of Oakmont Country Club in Glendale and Sunrise Country Club in Rancho Mirage.

He was also an avid traveler, visiting more than 50 countries.

Samuelson lauded for kindness

"I found him to be down to earth and easy to get along with," Dodd said. "I also found out rather quickly what a warm person he was and that he had a wonderful sense of humor which made him fun to be with him."

Samuelson is survived

by Dorris, his wife of 59 years and four children; Gail McGinnis of Thousand Oaks, Brooke Bustrum of Yorba Linda, Scott Samuelson of Encinitas and Jill Ahejon of Valencia, in-laws, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and his brother, Jack and sister-in-law, Sally.

Many buildings will leave a mark

"Without a doubt, Bob left an indelible mark with his generous spirit and his steadfast commitment at CLU,"

Wennes said. "His legacy includes making so many of the dreams of the CLU founding members come true. He was a man of extraordinary faith, courage and leadership, and he will be greatly missed."

A memorial service was held Feb. 27, at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills in La Canada.

Samuelson was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.

Donations in his memory may be sent to Lutheran Church in the Foothills, 1700 Foothill Blvd., La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011 or Beacon Housing Foundation, 5000 Edenhurst Ave., Los Angeles 90039.

Photo of Robert Samuelson with this story taken by Phil Channing and provided courtesy of California Lutheran University.

By Laura Bebinger

STAFF WRITER

The issues faced because of American religious apathy and the way faith groups combat it were the focus of a lecture by Dr. Richard Hughes as part of the spring lecture series titled "The Reformation Heritage of CLU."

The lecture took place last week.

Members of the faculty, administration and student body were present, as were scholars from the community and interested members of the general public.

Hughes' former religion professor, Dr. George Forell, was also present at the lecture.

Forell taught Hughes at the University of Iowa.

With an introduction from CLU's Provost, Dr. Christopher Kimball, and Dr. Joseph Everson, a religion professor, Hughes was given a warm welcome from the attendees.

During the lecture he discussed the Baptist, Anabaptist (also known as the Church of Christ) and Lutheran impacts on the life of the mind.

The emphasis was placed on Lutheran traditions, such as Martin Luther's insight on human finitude and God's sovereignty, Luther's notion of paradox and Luther's notion of two kingdoms.

Luther's insight on human finitude and God's sovereignty deals with the notion that every



Photograph by Nichol Coria

One topic Dr. Richard Hughes spoke about was Lutheran tradition and how it is regarded in mainstream American evangelical culture.

scholar must be able to confess that she or he could be wrong, and that "doubt is always a partner of faith." Without it, there can be no life of the mind.

The second notion, Luther's notion of paradox, is that life emerges from the throes of death.

The last idea, Luther's notion of two kingdoms, states that humans exist in nature and grace simultaneously.

These three concepts of the Lutheran tradition directly influence the life of the mind.

"For me," Dr. R. Guy Erwin said, "The most important thing Professor Hughes pointed out was that Lutherans are not in higher education because they believe they have 'the truth' and need to teach it to others, but that they honor the search for truth, wherever it takes us, as a way of honoring God, who

made us and gave us the ability to ask questions and learn."

The lecture reminded the attendees that what they can do with Lutheran tradition and what Lutheran theology means to higher education, especially to CLU.

"Lutherans tend to mute the genius of their own tradition," Hughes said.

This was said in respects to the idea that the Lutheran tradition remains essentially alien to mainstream American evangelical culture.

"Distinguished professor of religion, Richard Hughes, praises our campus with the idea of a higher education based on the Lutheran Traditions," senior Lauren Norte said. "He believes that Cal Lutheran contributes to the academic and spiritual welfare of the students, as well."

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Creative writing workshop inspires students

Acclaimed mystery writer Paula L. Woods discusses how to write suspenseful stories

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

Who dun it? Who's the victim? Who are the suspects? How is the crime going to be solved?

Acclaimed mystery writer Paula L. Woods held a creative writing workshop in the Roth-Nelson Room at California Lutheran University on Feb. 28.

She described how to write a suspenseful mystery story to an intimate group of students, alumni and faculty.

Woods, known for her Charlotte Justice mystery series, discussed her career as a writer, how her writings work into the genre of ethnic mystery and

taught the group how to create and develop a mystery story.

"Her informative handouts well delineated story structure unique to the mystery genre, especially in her explanation of the bi-directional motion of time through the narrative and the placement of a mystery tale's inciting incident," junior Katie Bierach said.

Woods encouraged active participation and had the audience create their own beginnings of a mystery story, complete with a protagonist sleuth.

"I really enjoyed the workshop," senior Lauren Coss said. "I thought she was a very good speaker and really knew what she was talking about. I liked

that she spent so much time actually working with the audience. It was fun to actually do some writing. Her insight into writing professionally and how to go about it was helpful as well."

This was the first year Woods has visited CLU. However, it is the second year that CLU has invited an author to honor Black History Month.

"My intention was to invite an author the students in Dr. Jim Bond's African-American literature class would be reading," said Judith Samuel, who acts as the liaison between the Pearson Library and the English Department.

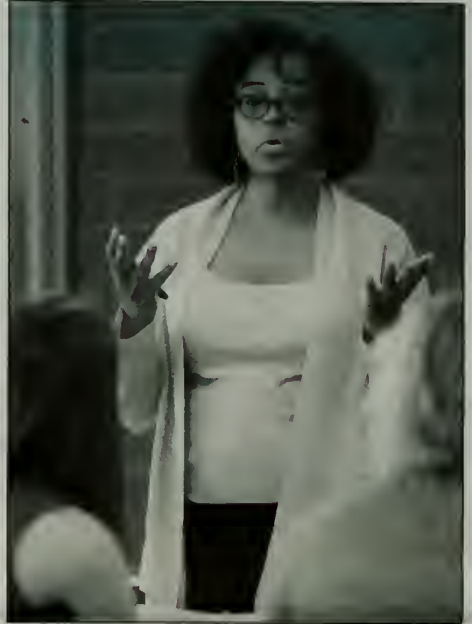
Woods' creative writing workshop was just one event that she took part in.

She also conducted a presentation in Bond's class, gave a speech entitled "The Rise of the Ethnic Detective" and was in the Pearson Library for a book signing on Thursday afternoon.

Woods has appeared on the Los Angeles Times bestseller list and has won many awards.

Her book "Inner City Blues" received the Macavity Award for Best First Mystery and was also named Best First Novel by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

Woods also belongs to the National Book Critics Circle



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Paula L. Woods gives tips on writing a suspenseful story at the creative writing workshop on Thursday.

where she regularly reviews books for the Los Angeles Times.

Her Charlotte Justice mystery series, as well as her "Spooks,

Spies, and Private Eyes," "Black: Black Mystery, Crime," and "Suspense Fiction of the 20th Century," are on display at the Pearson Library.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sophomore Sara Burgess participates in an exercise at the creative writing workshop.

Program reaches out to young students

Middle School Outreach Program discusses math and science

By Bryan Arjon

STAFF WRITER

For more than a year and a half, university students in the Middle School Outreach Program have been visiting middle schools of the surrounding area and enlightening young students about topics such as the heart and the way it works.

The audience, 12-13 years of age, learns and enjoys the symposiums as they are designed to mesh with their school curriculum all the while informing them how science contributes to our world.

The Middle School Outreach Program at California Lutheran University consists of Corey Russo, Joshua Lee, Stephen Roberts, Greg Johnson and Thomas Estus.

This team of science majors has presented themselves at the middle schools, usually in an auditorium setting.

Once there, they present visual aides that incorporate science, math and engineering.

The student audience participates in the events by being linked to an electrocardiogram machine, which displays the heart measurements for all to see.

The Outreach Program has a new event scheduled for March 8 where they will be presenting similar topics at CLU.

The presentation format will change after this upcoming symposium from the coronary system and heart defibrillators to the new topic involving

the importance of prosthetic limbs.

"The main goal of the Middle School Outreach Program is to bring the most awareness to the students about math and science," Lee said. "So far we have succeeded at that."

For their philanthropic efforts, the team was presented with congratulatory awards at the Ronald Reagan Library during National Engineering Week in February.

"Despite not receiving any type of compensation or formal school credit, it is far more redeeming to inspire a future scientist or engineer," Russo said.

The two graduating seniors, Russo and Lee, are leaving a legacy in the scientific ranks of the university.

For one, the two are the president and vice president of the Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society on campus.

Russo is the biology department assistant and is conducting an independent research project sequencing the Feline Leukemia virus.

Lee is the bioengineering department assistant and has been involved in an independent research project with wound-healing.

"I'm looking forward to what the club will do next year," Roberts said. "It will definitely be tough losing Josh and Cory who started the club themselves and are an instrumental piece of its success."

Contact either Russo or Lee at crusso@clunet.edu or jtlee@clunet.edu for more information.

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CLU student wins poster contest

Junior Hayley Woldseth earns first place in community event

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

A poster designed by a Thousand Oaks City resident is selected to be honored at the Arbor/Earth Day community event each year.

This year's contest winner is California Lutheran University student Hayley Woldseth.

Woldseth is a Parkland, Wash., native majoring in communication with an emphasis on media production and music with an emphasis on vocal.

Growing up, she loved to create things and often found herself designing and producing furniture for her dolls with materials she found around her house.

She entered the contest last fall along with 19 fellow students from the Art 380 computer graphics class taught by Barry Burns.

"Barry Burns had our computer graphics class enter the Arbor/Earth Day poster contest and used the project as an assignment," Woldseth said.

The 11x17 poster was created from scratch using Adobe Photoshop.

"In designing the components I was going for an eclectic recycled look," she said. "I particularly like how the trunk texture and color closely resembles a paper grocery bag."

Woldseth was notified dur-

ing Christmas break that her design had won and since then has been in contact with the city of Thousand Oaks who holds the design and is printing up posters for the upcoming Arbor/Earth Day event.

The 11th annual Arbor/Earth Day will be a free community event presented by the City of Thousand Oaks and Conejo Recreation and Park District.

Its purpose is to promote a healthy, prosperous and sustainable environment by highlighting planet-friendly activities, services and products.

"She is a great person who is also very creative and deserves any great honor she gets."

Leon Townsend

More than 100 vendors and exhibitors will be participating in the event and there's entertainment for all ages.

Woldseth will attend the event and be presented with a signed and framed copy of the poster by Thousand Oaks mayor Jacqui V. Irwin during a ceremony at Conejo Creek Park.

"I was thrilled to win the design contest," she said. "I am very interested in going into design and marketing when I complete school and

winning the design contest helped assure me that I can potentially have a future in marketing and commercial arts."

Woldseth is interested in a career in design, animation or film production and hopes to one day start a design firm with her older sister, Katrina, a Web designer in New York.

"She is a great person who is also very creative and deserves any great honor she gets," said Leon Townsend, co-worker and senior majoring in business at CLU.

Woldseth usually likes channeling her creativity through music, interior décor, graphics and clothing design.

"This is not the first time one of our students has won this annual contest, but I'm especially proud of her effort this year," Burns said.

This is however the first time Burns was successful in mentoring a winning student from his class.

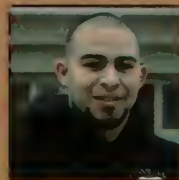
Tim Hengst, professor of multimedia and interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, also encourages his students to compete in the contest each year.

He is responsible for instructing a winning CLU student for the past three consecutive years.

His past winning students were Lena Dumont in 2007, Malia Kim in 2006 and Mark Jordan in 2005.

Campus Quotes

What's the best idea for a spring date?



Anthony Vazquez, 2009

"Homemade dinner on the beach, strawberries and whipped cream, you know."

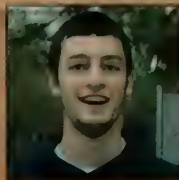
Samuel Lyche, 2011

"Picnic in the park"



Cameron Hurdes, 2010

"Hot air ballooning."



Adam Erickson, 2009

"Nature hike followed by an outdoor dinner."



Mike Aragon, 2009

"Baseball game."



Jenna Shellman, 2008

"The Getty Museum."



US presidential election starts to heat up

By Britlany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

The 2008 presidential race has kicked into full gear after an early start in the campaign season.

Presidential candidates have been narrowed down and are now focused on upcoming primaries.

In recent polls Hillary Clinton has lost her 20 point lead over Barack Obama. He has narrowed the gap and is within single digits on Clinton, who is slowly losing momentum.

John McCain is still maintaining a substantial lead over Mike Huckabee, while holding his own against Democratic candidates.

In Dr. Herbert Gooch's opinion Clinton has the advantages of name recognition and experience.

"She's probably the most experienced and the most well-oiled," he said.

These state-by-state polls are what Gooch thinks really matter.

"The primaries are really 50 races. A national poll doesn't really show you what is going on," he said.

Candidates have some important primaries in Texas, Ohio and Vermont.

These primaries could possibly determine

the Democratic and Republican nominees for president.

Clinton and Obama have created campaigns specifically for the Texas primary geared toward pulling the heartstrings of the people.

"Most campaigns are not about educating the voter, but about grabbing their attention," Gooch said.

Latest state polls in Texas have Obama leading Hilary 48 percent to 44 percent.

McCain led Huckabee 53 percent to 25 percent.

Even though Obama led the latest state polls in Texas, Clinton leads state polls in Ohio 47 percent to Obama's 40 percent

Once again, McCain led Huckabee 56 percent to 26 percent in the veteran filled state of Ohio.

Many voters generally tend to vote in line with their own party's choice of candidate.

"Party identification becomes kind of a cue or shorthand to tell you how to vote," Gooch said.

This often times makes a difference when it comes to the demographics in the states when determining how they will vote.

Party identification may play a large roll in the up-coming primaries.

Love advice

War vs. peace: What is worth a fight?

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By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

Let's play a game of what would you do.

The scenario involves a girl who recently started dating a guy. She goes over to his place for the first time and needs to use the restroom. As she walks in she sees a bottle of black nail polish sitting by the sink.

She immediately gets jealous assuming that another girl has left her skanky Sally Hansen accessory and then furious that

this guy is such an idiot that he can't even clean up incriminating evidence.

As she walks out to confront him she sees he is getting comfortable on the couch. He starts to take his shoes off, and then his socks. Oh my goodness! His toe nails were as glossy black as an Escalade.

What does she do?

Personally, I would have rather it been another girl's beauty product. If that were the case she could be justifiably upset.

However, this situation is quite a quandary for the simple fact that she doesn't know how to feel. She doesn't know whether this is a David Beckham side of him or a Dennis Rodman. And it's never a good thing to have a Dennis Rodman comparison regarding a guy you're dating.

I bring up this scenario for the simple fact that many of us do not know what is acceptable and appropriate from the opposite sex. And by many of us, I mean you, not me. Let's not forget who the doctor is.

Ladies constantly ask me what to do when the man they're after does something questionable.

To that I say there are varying degrees. For instance if he is making out with another girl, well that's cheating. If your boyfriend does something like that and you don't know how to react then I have one word for you, "yikes."

Let's try something a little milder. Your man is going to spend an evening with his buddies and promises to call you before the night ends. Like six out of 10 guys, he doesn't or forgets.

Some women decide that this is doghouse behavior.

I say nay.

It is important to choose your battles. This is something small, a blip on the radar screen. To put energy and anger into something like this only drains the relationship.

I am not telling you to ignore it. He will undoubtedly call you the next day and apologize for not calling. And if he doesn't then you can playfully ask him why you didn't hear from him. He will get the point.

I have been in relationships where fighting was a daily routine. Anyone else who has been in something similar understands how sweating the small stuff absolutely sucks the life out of both of you. I understand that it hurts when your man or woman does something insensitive. But it will hurt even more if you are unwilling to let certain things go.

This leads me to my next stroke of genius. Do not judge someone on one questionable act.

If he's doing 29 things right and one thing that bugs you, there's no need to question the relationship, unless that one thing is abuse or cheating.

All too often women feel the need to make a state of the union address when an indifference occurs.

I am not a proponent for people getting walked on. If you feel that you're regularly getting the short end of the stick, then maybe it's time to figure out what you want.

Do not judge someone on one questionable act.

If you remember one thing from this article I hope that it is the fact that there is a difference between intention and action.

The action may not always put a smile on your face, but you have to understand that a majority of the time the thought behind it is rarely a malicious one.

I bet you're wondering what the girl in the nail polish fiasco ended up doing. Well, suffice to say, she did nothing.

It was strange, she thought, but not strange enough to warrant interrogation.

Good for her. Their odds of staying together longer just skyrocketed.



XOXO
Dr. Love

Street performers go too far

theatre. I'm talking about Spider-Man, Batman, Sponge Bob and Marilyn Monroe. All are present everyday of the week to entertain the hordes of tourists who get dropped off in the area to see the sites. On the weekends, the number of these costumed individuals almost doubles. They are not paid. In fact they are not even hired to be there, but for some odd reason, they show up.

When I first saw all the costumed people outside Mann's Chinese Theatre I thought it was kind of funny. In fact one time I saw a guy dressed up as Paris Hilton, little dog and all. So the creative nature of it is pretty fun. But since I've been to that area many times now, I do almost anything to avoid these strange gatherings of delusional characters that call Hollywood Blvd. their home.

I'm sure that sounds a little silly or perhaps judgmental because after all, these people are just doing what they like to do. But let me tell you, after a little man dressed up as Chucky starts running at you with a plas-

tic knife and grunting, you might question the sanity of the people behind the masks.

One morning I was walking up Hollywood Blvd. to get a coffee from Coffee Bean. In my mind I thought, "Oh good it's too early for anyone to be out in front of the theatre." Oh no, was I wrong. I was immediately greeted by Spider-Man and it wasn't a friendly wave or handshake. He ran, dove and did a summersault right in front of me. I almost wanted to laugh it was so ridiculous. I just kept on walking, determined to get my coffee.

But further up the block was Elvis. Wait a minute, I thought he was dead. Nope, he's alive and well in Hollywood. "Good morning pretty lady," he said to me. I gave him a half smile hoping to not strike up any more conversation. All of a sudden he leaned in and kissed my cheek. Yuck!

His excuse, "A kiss to make that smile a little bigger." Oh no, at that point I was about to run. I just wanted coffee in the morning, not a kiss from a weird man who thinks he is Elvis.

From that day on, I've done my best to avoid that part of Hollywood Blvd.

It is an experience to visit the Walk of Fame and if you haven't I definitely recommend that you do.

It is a crazy atmosphere, one

that you will never experience anywhere else.

You just might not want to linger so long in front of the Mann's Theatre or an encounter with a comic book character or a deceased American legend might be in your future.



By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

The Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame has been a favorite tourist attraction for years. The first time I came to Los Angeles I went to see the Walk of Fame and the Mann's Chinese Theatre that resides on Hollywood Blvd. between Orange and Highland. Since it is such a popular tourist attraction in the city, it's no surprise that you find an array of street performers and vendors.

Something that you won't find at any other tourist attraction are the handful of wild characters that make it their day job to hangout in front of the

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Abruptly ended

By Scott Bredesen
STAFF WRITER

The Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens shocked the California Lutheran University men's basketball team and their fans Friday night in the Gilbert Sport and Fitness Center.

Pomona-Pitzer rallied after two double-digit defeats at the hands of the Kingsmen earlier in the season and came away with a 54-44 victory over CLU in the SCIAAC tournament semifinals.

It was only the second home loss of the season for the Kingsmen and it was a stunner, since only three days earlier CLU handed the Sagehens a 19-point loss in the final game of the regular season.

The Kingsmen stormed out in front early with a 14-point lead with five minutes to go in the first half, but saw it slip away due to poor shooting and rebounding.

"All of our shots rattled in and out," sophomore Andy Meier said. "We beat Pitzer twice during the regular season and to lose this bad in the SCIAAC championships is very disappointing."

The Sagehens hit three 3-pointers at the end of the first half, cutting CLU's lead to six points, which gave them momentum going into halftime.

It was hard to believe that the lead was only six since Pomona had committed 14 turnovers in the first half compared to just three by CLU.

The Kingsmen saw their lead diminish in the middle of the second half and the game was suddenly tied 38-38.

The Sagehens defense took control the rest of the way and held the Kingsmen to 1-of-14 shooting the rest of the game.

The key for Pomona-Pitzer was that they out rebounded the Kingsmen 43-21 and connected on 8-of-15 from beyond the arc, while CLU went 4-for-25.

CLU was held to its lowest



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Andy Meier attempts a shot in the lane during CLU's SCIAAC Tournament game Friday against Pomona-Pitzer.

shooting percentage this season (.321), a complete reversal from Tuesday's game against the Sagehens.

The Kingsmen were also held to their lowest totals of the season with 44 points and 21 rebounds.

Sophomore Mychal Owens was hoping for a bid into the NCAA Division III playoffs.

"It is very unlikely to get in because Occidental gets an automatic bid for being SCIAAC champions and the other one goes to Pomona for winning the tournament," Owens said.

The team now has to look forward to next season as they say goodbye to their three seniors who played key roles as part of the team's backcourt. Deshion Inniss, Chad Acerboni and Brandon Tussy will leave

large voids to be filled.

"Next year is going to be great for us, the young guys must fill the roles of Deshion Inniss and Chad Acerboni for us to dominate and become SCIAAC champions," Meier said.

His best memory of the season was when they defeated Wisconsin-Stevens Point 72-70 in overtime. At the time, Wisconsin-Stevens Point was No. 3 in NCAA Division III.

"We played so well and it was just a great win, and boosted our confidence," he said.

The Kingsmen did go 21-5 overall this season.

"We made it in the top 25 in Division III and we split the overall SCIAAC title with Occidental College. That is a great accomplishment," Inniss said.

Women's hoops season finishes in loss at Occidental

By Chad Acerboni
STAFF WRITER

It was a bad night for a slow start, the California Lutheran women's basketball team found out on Thursday. Their last chance at NCAA playoff dreams relied on a win at first place Occidental College.

The Regals stumbled out of the blocks and never recovered, ending their season with a 69-47 loss to the Tigers in the opening round of the inaugural SCIAAC tournament.

"I thought the team was pretty ready to go, especially mentally," head coach Kristy Hopkins said. "We knew what they were going to do. We just didn't handle their pressure very well."

The Tigers came out hot and extended their biggest lead in the first half to as much as 19 points with 2:13 left.

The Regals were able to cut into that lead just before half time and trimmed their deficit to 36-25. A block by Johanna Rothermel seemed to get the Regals fired up for the final half.

"We were ready to go coming into this game," sophomore Nita Sims said. "Johanna's block though seemed to spark us going into halftime. We didn't even want a halftime, we just wanted to play."

The Regals hung around in the beginning of the second half when all of a sudden they found themselves down only three after a pair of free throws by Sims.

After battling back, the Regals seemed to unwind and four consecutive 3-pointers by the Tigers slowly put an end to the Regals season.

"We got a little bit relaxed

and all their guards can shoot," Hopkins said. "They just got hot and sometimes there is nothing you can do about that."

An onslaught of 3-pointers not only helped the Tigers prevail, but their defense held the Regals to just one field goal in the final eight minutes.

"They played pretty good defense and we tried changing our defense which did work for a while," Hopkins said. "They made some adjustments which was when they hit those four threes."

Senior Mary Placido, who was the only Regal in double figures, finished her career off with a solid performance of 13 points, eight rebounds and two steals.

On the other side, the Tigers were led by a strong showing from Stacie Roshon who had 24 points (16 in the first half), nine rebounds, three assists and a steal, as she played the whole game.

"I'm very proud of the team, they did an amazing job to fight back," Hopkins said.

The Regals finish their season with an overall record of 13-12 and 8-6 in conference. Some of their most memorable moments came in wins over Chapman with only seven players and defeating SCIAAC champion La Verne despite trailing by 15 points at one time.

With five seniors leaving, the Regals look to bring back eight familiar faces and are energized about next year.

"We have a good group of girls coming back to play who contributed to this years team," freshman Kourtney Jones said. "We are going to be excited for what the 2008-2009 season brings."

SCIAAC Standings

Men's Basketball (Final)		Women's Basketball (Final)	
Cal Lutheran	11-3	Occidental	12-2
Occidental	11-3	La Verne	11-3
Claremont-M-S	8-6	Redlands	10-4
Pomona-Pitzer	8-6	Cal Lutheran	8-6
Whittier	7-7	Whittier	7-7
La Verne	6-8	Claremont-M-S	3-11
Redlands	5-9	Pomona-Pitzer	3-11
Caltech	0-14	Caltech	2-12
Baseball		Softball	
Pomona-Pitzer	3-0	Redlands	5-1
Whittier	3-0	Pomona-Pitzer	4-2
La Verne	2-0	Claremont-M-S	2-2
Claremont-M-S	4-2	Whittier	1-1
Redlands	2-1	La Verne	2-4
Cal Lutheran	2-3	Cal Lutheran	2-4
Occidental	1-5	Occidental	0-2
Caltech	0-6		

CLU Athletes of the Week

For the week of Feb. 25 - Mar. 2

Christa Youngern - Track & Field

The sophomore had the most consistent performance of the weekend for the women's track & field team placing in the top-three in all of her events. Her results include a third place in the shot put, runner-up in the discus throw and a victory in the hammer throw (44.72 meters).

Kyle Hansen - Track & Field

The junior won the 110-meter hurdles by nearly one full second to earn an individual event victory for the men's track & field team. He was also the anchor of a victory this weekend in the 4x200 meter relay. To add to that Hansen took runner-up in the long jump.

Kingsmen win CMS series

Baseball preps for unfamiliar opponents after taking two of three against Claremont

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

It's time for a break in conference play for the California Lutheran University baseball team.

The Kingsmen will play a pair of games this weekend against two opponents they have not previously faced.

On Friday the Kingsmen will compete against the Cal State San Marcos Cougars.

Last year, the Cougars compiled an 18-23 record, after opening up the season with seven consecutive losses.

San Marcos will have a tough contest the day before they play CLU when they face highly-ranked Chapman University, who CLU lost three games to earlier this season.

After taking Saturday off, CLU will return to action against the Bombers of Ithaca College from New York on Sunday.

Ithaca has a pre-season ranking of No. 21 in the nation according to D3baseball.com and will open its season with Sunday's game against the Kingsmen.

The Bombers will be taking a West Coast tour for their spring break featuring nine games in eight days, including a game against each SCIAC school.

The Bombers have historically had a very successful program, making it to the New York Regional Tournament the past two years and also winning the NCAA Division III National Championship in 1980 and 1988.

The Kingsmen were victorious last Friday against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges and earned their first conference win.

CLU won 7-5 and held off a late rally by Stags in the latter innings in the first of a three-game series.

Kingsmen pitcher Robbie Selden got the win pitching on three days rest for the first time this season.

The sophomore threw 6



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Junior Pete Schmitt (above) earned the win in Friday's contest after he allowed one hit in 1.2 innings. Fellow junior Chad Heschong (below), who transferred from College of Marin, has posted a .966 fielding percentage and has aided in three double plays this season.



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

1/3 innings and surrendered four runs, three of which were earned.

"We came out and just played our game with intensity,"

sophomore Paul Hartmann said. "We stayed focus all game and it paid off with a victory."

Steve Omlor earned the save and struck out his second batter

with the bases loaded to conclude the game.

The pitching was successful for the Kingsmen and the bats helped as well, especially the

bottom of the order.

Kevin Graham and Hector Sanchez combined for four of the six hits.

Hartmann has continued to be a force at the plate this season and compiled a pair of RBI to lead the team.

After having a sunny game on Friday afternoon with CMS, Saturday's game included clouds and a steady mist of rain throughout both games of a double header at Claremont.

The bad weather didn't hamper the Kingsmen as they split the two games with a 5-3 loss and 10-1 win.

CLU came out strong in the first contest, scoring the first two runs of the game but would not be able to hold on to its lead.

After fielding errors in both the infield and the outfield, the Stags were able to capitalize on CLU mistakes and took over the lead.

The Kingsmen put together a rally, but the closing pitching of the Stags held onto the lead and locked up the first game of the double header for CMS.

Kingsmen pitcher David Brethouwer was credited with the loss.

In the second game of the double header, the Kingsmen poured on the offense.

They tallied their second-highest run total of the season scoring ten runs, and pitcher Alex Casillas continued his fine pitching this season with only one run allowed.

Hartmann dominated the double header at the plate, going 4-for-9 with two doubles, a single and a home run.

"The second game of the double header showed how well we can play when we combine both phases of our game with pitching and hitting," junior pitcher Pete Schmitt said.

After taking two out of three games against CMS, the Kingsmen have given themselves a chance to place near the top of the SCIAC standings at the end of the season.

This Week in CLU Sports

Friday, March 7

Women's Water Polo vs. Villanova (PA), 1:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Kenyon (OH), 2 p.m.
Men's Tennis at Westmont, 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. CSU San Marcos, 2 p.m.
Women's Water Polo vs. CSU Monterey Bay, 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Men's Tennis vs. South (TN), 9:30 a.m.
Women's Tennis at Biola, 10 a.m.
Women's Water Polo vs. UC Santa Cruz, 10:30 a.m.
Softball at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (DH), 12 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Fresno Pacific, 2 p.m.
Women's Water Polo vs. Concordia, 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Women's Water Polo vs. Sonoma State, 11:30 a.m.
Softball at Whittier (DH), 12 p.m.
Baseball vs. Ithaca (NY), 1 p.m.
Women's Water Polo vs. Fresno Pacific, 4 p.m.

Monday, March 10

Golf at SCIAC No. 2 (at Red Hill), 12 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11

Women's Tennis vs. South (TN), 2 p.m.

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Kimball honored to be president

CLU's Provost and vice president of Academic Affairs was announced as the university's new president Thursday. Kimball beat out Dr. Thomas E. Boyt of Valparaiso for the position.

By Candice Cerro

MANAGING EDITOR

An anxious crowd gathered around the Enormous Luther statue on Thursday as they anticipated the pending announcement of California Lutheran University's seventh president.

Regent James Power IV made the official announcement to a cheering crowd and revealed Dr. Christopher Kimball to be president.

Kimball is the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and will begin his official duties as president on April 1.

"All this time the best candidate was right underneath our noses," Power said.

Kimball was selected by a search committee comprised of 12 members and chaired by Regent Karen Spies.

"We had an extensive search process and Dr. Kimball emerged as a qualified servant leader who can take the university to the next level with our strategic plan," said Student Body President Stephanie Lucas.

Following the announcement, the Rev. Dr. Howard Wennes gave a brief speech.

Kimball expressed his gratitude and excitement for his new position and Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty lead the group in prayer.

"Even though he didn't specifically ask for our



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Dr. Christopher Kimball speaks to a crowd in front of the Enormous Luther statue just after he is announced as CLU's seventh president.

prayers," Maxwell-Doherty said, "I think we have been praying for him for a long time."

Kimball has served at CLU since 2006 and was previously the provost and dean of faculty at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He has taught classes at CLU including freshmen seminar.

Kimball was a chief architect for the new strategic plan and its seven goals of attracting and retaining a high-quality faculty, staff and students, generating resources, investing in facilities and heightening the university's image.

"The core mission here is about students," Kimball said,

"I am very grateful today, very honored."

Kimball is a widely published author and speaker on academic affairs. His scholarly work is in American history. He specializes in social history and the history of sport.

"I'm very pleased that Dr. Kimball will be our next president," Lucas said. "Dr. Kimball lives his life by our university's mission statement and is a proven leader on our campus and at his former institution Augsburg College."

As a finalist Kimball faced a rigorous application process including an open campus forum and meetings with faculty, students and administrators.

"As the embodiment of academic excellence and integrity and as man of action," said Chairman of the Board of Regents William Kane, "His leadership will be crucial to CLU's continued success as he works with an impressive blend of talents already present in the CLU faculty, administration and staff."

During his 16 years of experience in ELCA higher education, Kimball has been responsible for academic affairs, enrollment management and athletics. In addition to student affairs, he also has direct experience in fundraising.

"He will always have the students' best interest in mind," Lucas said.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Dr. Kimball and Dr. Howard Wennes embrace after Kimball was announced as president.

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- * John R. Sladke, Ph.D., 2006-2007
- * Howard E. Wennes, D. Min., 2006 (interim)
- * Luther S. Luedtke, Ph.D., 1992-2006
- * Jerry Miller, D.D., 1981-1992
- * Mark Mathews, D.B.A., 1972-1980
- * Raymond Olson, D.D., 1963-1971
- * Orville Dahl, Ed.D., 1959-1962



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A crowd cheers at the Enormous Luther statue. Dr. Chris Kimball, who is provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was selected by a 12 member committee.

Environment injustice brought to a local level

According to Dr. Grady Hanrahan, communities closest to freeways are exposed to toxic pollutants. These areas tend to be low-income and underrepresented.

By Bryon Arjon

STAFF WRITER

The resurgence of great concern for our environment both domestically and globally is a theme that echos throughout current topics.

Exactly why this important issue has arisen should not be the question to think about; rather, what can be done to take action.

Recently, members of the California Lutheran University community have engaged in the issue.

"The current state of the environment is in crisis and it is essential to become aware, learn and take action or how to go about addressing such issues."

Cory Russo

On March 5, Dr. Grady Hanrahan, professor of chemistry at CLU discussed his field-based studies and findings to a mixed group of attendees from the CLU community.

The findings were indicative of issues that have a real impact on our lives, and may very well serve as a stepping stone for future course of action with such a monumental concern.

"Dr. Hanrahan had a particularly eye

opening map of toxic exposure within Los Angeles communities that were closest to freeways," said Dr. Jose Marichal, professor of political science. "These communities also tended to be low income, and effectively showed the connection between where people live and the quality of air they breathe."

These results obviously conveyed that those able to choose better-positioned housing are distanced from the pollution and low quality air.

The seminar, titled "Comprehensive Tools in Evaluating Environmental Injustice" could be an issue of injustice regarding housing where homes and communities are positioned amongst the city.

In larger cities like Los Angeles, where polluted areas seem to be inevitable because of the population density, the results justified the means.

Hanrahan's extensive field studies also covered less dense areas such as Ventura, where such a factor does not exist on a similar scale. Whether the cause is a lifestyle issue, the fact remains the issue exists and a course of action needs to be assembled.

"It's important to have the perspective that nature can live without humans, but humans can not live without nature. The current state of the environment is in crisis and it is essential to become aware, learn and take action on how to go about addressing such issues," said Cory Russo, a marine biology student who attended the event.

The professors agree, if there ever was a blueprint written for engaging an issue on such a large scale, it would incorporate approaching it in sections as opposed to searching for an overwhelming solution.

The symposium and its results did just that, engage the issue on a communal scale.

"It was a very useful discussion, and hopefully more faculty members will have the opportunity to present their research to students," Marichal said.

Being involved in research projects like those conducted by faculty members such as Dr. Hanrahan represent an active role in dealing with similar issues in a direct fashion.

"Dr. Hanrahan had a particularly eye opening map of toxic exposure within Los Angeles communities that were closest to freeways."

Dr. Jose Marichal

Other methods to actively participate can be viewed on the CLU Web site under "Opportunities for Involvement."

Different events happening around the community are updated regularly with specific details for the Ventura County area.

For more information on the event, or other research projects like it, visit the center for Equality and Justice Web site at: <http://www.callutheran.edu/cej/>.

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Dr. Grady Hanrahan appeared at CLU to educate students on environmental injustice and how it affects people in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

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Softball field dedicated

By Rich Culp
STAFF WRITER

The stands were crowded at Hutton Field in a dedication for North Campus' newest addition, the softball field, with \$500,000 donated from the Hutton Foundation.

The foundation is a philanthropic organization that provides funds for non-profits and encourages other organizations to do the same.

It is run by California Lutheran University alumni Tom and Susan Parker.

Susan Parker threw the opening pitch at Hutton Field, that wrapped up the dedication on Thursday.

The new field is replacing Gibello Field, located on campus near the Old West apartments.

Noting that Hutton Field provides the CLU softball team with one of the nicest fields in the SCIAC conference, Shauna Cogan, senior and CLU softball player said, "It is the best in our conference and will be for years to come."

Debra Day, CLU softball coach, said an improvement is the level playing field. This causes the balls to act more naturally.

Prudence Kjontvedt, assistant softball coach who was also a CLU softball player

and 2007 Scholar Athlete of the Year, believes that the new field will help on and off the grass.

"This field has already improved our leadership skills," she said.

Among the speakers at the ceremonial first pitch and dedication was the mayor of Thousand Oaks, Jacqui V. Irwin who is a CLU alumnus.

Irwin praised CLU for making significant improvements to all the facilities on campus not just the softball field.

"Education paired with sports provides a winning framework for the future," Irwin said.

She also said that CLU's



Photograph by Bob LeBaron
Dr. Chris Kimball, provost, right, and Dr. Howard Wennes, interim president stand at Hutton field on North Campus.

expanding of North Campus was an adventure and testimony to community spirit.

Hutton Field is more than just a field, it's a symbol of growth for CLU.

"The university has never been stronger in all aspects, and this field is a major part of that growth," said Dan Kuntz director of athletics and head soccer coach at CLU.

Charity a key part of Lutheran tradition

By Tiffany Mataras
STAFF WRITER

Charitable organizations and humanitarian efforts around the globe remain a key element in the Lutheran faith, as the Rev. John Nunes told an audience at Samuelson Chapel on Friday.

He is the president of the Lutheran World Relief Organization, a provider of aid and services to people and communities faced with issues such as poverty, marginalization and natural disaster.

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, individuals and parish groups in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility.

"We've combined the best of capitalism and socialism in our relief work," Nunes said. "Development work is most important since it is long lasting. We work to develop communities affected by natural disasters."

Its mission is to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recover from disasters.

LWR works with partners in 35 countries to help disaster stricken communities and people become self-sustaining.

Nunes noted the importance of advocacy to the LWR. The organization has fought for the dignity and worth of people affected by issues such as landmines, female genital mutilation, AIDS, discrimination and war.

"Pastor Nunes powerfully reminded us that we serve Christ in many ways, but none more important than by serving our neighbor, especially those who are the least among us," said the Rev. Kapp L. Johnson, of the CLU School of Business and department of religion. "LWR is another wonderful opportunity presented to CLU, its faculty, staff and students to fulfill our institutional mission."

Humanitarian efforts for the LWR include the fight to end malaria and the need for clean water.

"Five different community structures have been set up to help combat malaria," Nunes said. "At the Global Strategy Summit in Baltimore the big issue will be water and corporate involvement with companies like General Electric to aid in our efforts."

Although the speaker expressed some dissatisfaction in the limited opportunities for student involvement, he discussed the best ways students can help.

"Health kits, school kits, quilting groups are a great way for students to give back," Nunes said. "The quilts serve as layettes for newborns."

With an increasing number of student events, there may be more ways students can help.

"LWR worked with the student congregation hunger event," said the Rev. Dr. Howard Wennes, CLU interim president. "In many places where there was no one working, we came in working with partners locally; camaraderie is a major aspect of the LWR."

For more information on the Lutheran World Relief Organization including ways to get involved and a list of countries it's serving, visit the Web site lwr.org.



Photograph by Nichol Costa
The Rev. John Nunes reminds his audience of the importance of humanitarian efforts, especially toward those facing poverty, marginalization and natural disaster.

Conservative speaker says issue of church-state separation ongoing

By Matt Matasak
NEWS EDITOR

With the countless debates on the subject and even lawsuits regarding the issue, one of the most controversial subjects in politics revolves around the separation of church and state.

The Young Americans Foundation and California Lutheran University College Republicans brought the issue to campus last week as conservative radio talk show host, Kirby Wilbur, spoke on the topic.

One of the main goals of the Young Americans Foundation is to bring conservative speakers to campus," said Kimberly Benning, president of the CLU College Republicans.

"A lot of speakers on college campus are completely liberal and give a monopolized view."

Wilbur is a radio talk show host from Seattle, and appears on Fox News KVI 570. Benning is an intern with the Young Americans Foundation and was able to secure a spot for Kirby with help

from the foundation.

Wilbur began his lecture with some historical context on why faith is necessary in the government and how it played an important role in the development of America.

He made sure the audience knew he was not calling for a Christian America, but that he believes there is a price to pay for putting faith away and behind us.

"If we are not virtuous, we will become slaves, and the government will be forced to become too large and will have to regulate us," he said.

While he gave his point of view, he noted that although his belief is that religion has a place in politics, it is up to the people to make that decision.

"If it is decided by the majority there is no place for religion in schools, that is fine," Wilbur said. "That is the role of a republican government, but let us at least have it in the proper context."



Kirby Wilbur

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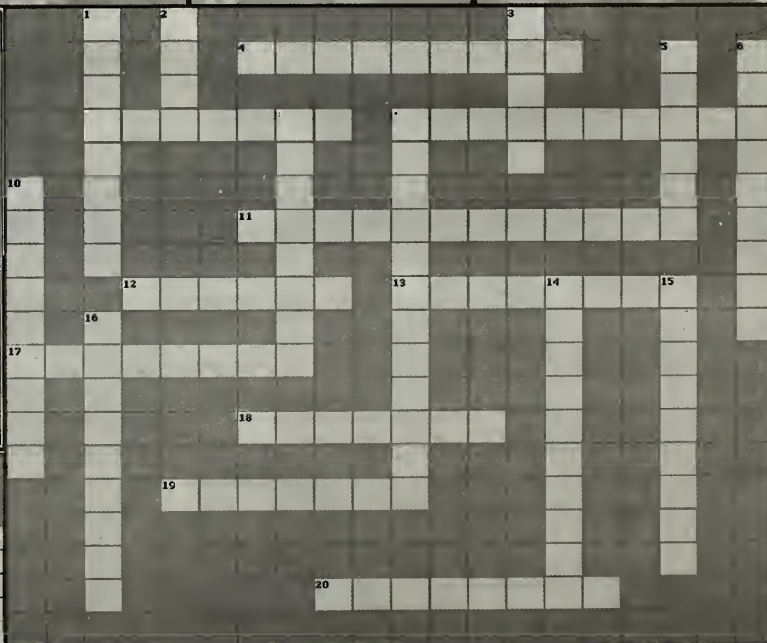
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<p>The Way of the Cross 9 p.m. Samuelson Chapel</p> 	<p>Craft Day "Let's Go Fly a Kite" 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Kingsmen Park</p> <p>Books and Brew 4 p.m. Roth Nelson Room</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK BEGINS 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Los Robles Master Chorale 8 p.m. Samuelson Chapel</p> <p>GOLD Night <i>A gathering for the graduates of the last decade.</i> Stuft Pizza and Brewing Co. 9 p.m.</p>
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<p>Los Robles Master Chorale 4 p.m. Samuelson Chapel</p>	<p>Stress Reduction and Relaxation Group 11 a.m. Samuelson Chapel</p> 	<p>"Playing dead not only comes in handy when face to face with a bear, but also at important business meetings."</p> <p>-Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey</p>	<p>SPRING BREAK ENDS 3/24</p>

CLU students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends...

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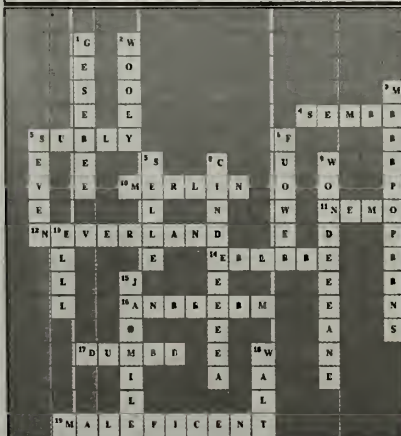


Down

- Great American folk artist. Hits include Like a Rolling Stone and Knocking on Heaven's Door (2 words)
- mp3 player made by Apple
- This band's lead singer was Freddie Mercury. Hits include We Will Rock You and Another One Bites the Dust
- Maker of the Highlander and the Camry
- Sitcom starring Steve Carell (2 words)
- Wes Anderson directed film starring Bill Murray and Jason Schwartzman
- Movie starring Edward Norton and Brad Pitt based on a novel by Chuck Palahniuk (2 words)
- Dating show on VH1 starring Bret Michaels (3 words)
- TV channel that features shows like Mythbusters and Survivorman
- HBO series about an up-and-coming actor named Vincent Chase

Across

- Cartoon about the Griffin family (2 words)
- Baseball team in Los Angeles
- Irish author of The Dubliners and Ulysses (2 words)
- City that is home to the Liberty Bell
- Mexican snack made with chips and cheese
- This film brought the name McLoVin on the pop culture scene
- Maker of the Chuck Taylor shoe
- St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in this country
- Laptop made by Apple
- Author of The Catcher in the Rye



Answers to 3/5 crossword

Event teaches students about life after college

Senior Disorientation helps soon-to-be graduates transition from school to the real world

By Brittney Danielle Kennell

STAFF WRITER

As graduation approaches, seniors become more anxious about what to expect from life outside California Lutheran University.

This anxiety sparked the annual event called Senior Disorientation.

It was sponsored by the Student Life and Alumni Relations offices and took place at Sisley restaurant in Thousand Oaks on Wednesday.

The Italian restaurant's outdoor patio was converted into the location for Senior Disorientation. Students were provided with non-alcoholic drinks, bread, entrees and dessert.

The tables were decorated with purple and gold flowers and balloons to celebrate the upcoming educational milestone for the attending 2008

seniors.

At the senior social, various CLU alumni presented short Powerpoint presentations regarding many relevant topics such as financial preparedness, social life after college, traveling abroad and going to graduate school.

"It was a great way to get valuable information about what to expect after graduation and develop realistic expectations brought to us by the recent graduate speakers," said Tiffany Slatum, a senior art major.

"It was so helpful, and after the graduate school speaker, I learned that maybe graduate school isn't what I want to do after all."

Receiving free dinner was a benefit for all those who attended, in addition to the great advice bestowed upon those who will soon be leaving CLU in the spring regarding the special topics including

graduate school.

"All in all I was really excited about the free dinner and the speaker on graduate school was most informative because I plan on going to New York University in the fall," said senior Travis Becker.

"It was great to hear from someone continuing their education from CLU."

Travis Becker

"It was great to hear from someone continuing their education from CLU, and the most valuable thing I learned was the difference between your social life here and your social life after college."

The night at Sisley found many reminiscing and rekindling relationships from their

four years at "The Lu."

"The event was a really great chance to catch up with seniors who I don't see often because of different schedules and living situations and everything," said senior Christy Sutphen.

"It was also great preparation and motivation for getting in the right mind set for those big transitions."

Despite the various paths CLU seniors will be setting off after May 17, each one of the speakers brought something to the table and aided the attendees with great advice and support.

"I am going to be getting my master's in business administration, working on campus at CLU and living with some friends and I learned a lot about moving out and social transitions," Sutphen said.

"It's the first time I will be supporting myself, so all of that information on finances

was very, very helpful."

At the end of the night, the sponsoring offices organized a raffle including CLU alumni T-shirts, age relevant books including, "Quarter Life Crisis," CLU drink coasters and other prizes.

The night was a way for seniors to get ready for the big step ahead of them in graduating from college.

The offices of Student Life and Alumni Relations left all attendees with many kind words of encouragement and support as well.

"As a soon to be CLU alumni, you will be joining a community of thousands of other alumni," said the sponsoring offices.

"No matter how near or far you go, you will always be able to connect to the campus through the many resources CLU provides to its alumni."

Valparaiso chorale performs

Singers from Indiana sing in Chapel

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

The Valparaiso University Chorale, from Valparaiso, Ind., performed in the Samuelson Chapel on Friday night.

"CLU Choirs are hosting the chorale. This is the second time they have given a concert for us here," said Dr. Wyant Morton of the music department.

"The VU Chorale hosted us five years ago on our mid-West tour."

The 48-voice VU Chorale ensemble, under the direction of Christopher M. Cock, is the premier choral ensemble at VU.

They are also one of the top Lutheran collegiate choirs in the United States.

The chorale is dedicated to the performance of works that represent the Lutheran heritage of the University, as well as works of chorale literature in its original languages from all eras and multicultural perspectives.

"They are a really beautiful choir. They have a rich, warm blend of music," said sophomore Amanda Wallace. "I love their songs because they are so spirited."

The chorale delineated from its printed program and took time to reflect on what is currently happening in the nation.

"I like how they incorporated songs that are related to what is going on in the world today," said Jean Sandlin, communication professor.

"A Child's Prayer," which is about the shootings that have been taking place in the world, was a nice addition even though it wasn't in the original concert program."

Their current tour is part of their active annual schedule of touring and performing.

In 2004 the ensemble traveled to Germany to sing a residency at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig.

They also performed for the President of the Federal Republic of Germany at Castle Bellevue.

They returned to Leipzig in 2007 and performed Bach's "St. John Passion" with the Leipzig Baroque Orchestra.

The VU Chorale is also highly dedicated to recording and has widely distributed their CDs.

They debuted in 1998 with their recording "Traditions: Hymns, Motets and Folk Songs."

They are working on "Amazing Day," which will be released soon.

"They are extremely professional," said senior Michelle Kraus.

"I really liked listening to them. Their quality of music is amazing."

Hip-hop panel discusses music and culture

Campus organization answers the question 'What is hip-hop?'

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

Students and teachers came together to discuss what hip-hop is in a heated open mic panel.

On March 5, The Hip-Hop Organization (H2O) put on Hip-Hop Is... , an event sponsored by The Word.

The event was held in the Student Union Building.

The panel consisted of Mathew "Catfish" Jean, Dr. Russell Stockard, Victor Jones, Vincent Santiago, Jenny Andrews and Dr. Juanita Hall.

The panel was moderated by Dr. Erany Barrow-Pryor, one of the clubs advisers.

The two-hour conversation was kicked off with a poem written by Andrews.

After the poem there were quick introductions of the panel, where they also stated the type of music they listen to.

The panel focused on eight questions. A major topic was defining hip-hop.

Also discussed were the idolization of hip-hop artists, the degradation of women, hip-hop parents and children and hip-hop and culture.

Jones believes that hip-hop has become worse from the start and artists are in it just for the money.

Many of the panelists believe that hip-hop is about



Photograph by Michael Costa

Victor Jones speaks at the hip-hop panel on March 5 in the Student Union Building.

the money.

"The industry and radio mold artists to what they want. It's political," Santiago said.

When discussing hip-hop's apparent degradation of women, most of the panel agreed that hip-hop does not degrade women.

"Women are degrading themselves," Andrews said.

Some believe that the issues facing hip-hop culture have not changed since its origin.

"Hip-hop is going to catch flack, but in the 70s they said the same things as we are now, but we are just more blunt," Jones said.

After the debate took off, the panelists were not the only ones involved in the conversation.

The audience began asking questions and stating their

opinion on the subject.

The conversation got particularly heated when a member of the audience did not agree with a few of the things the panel was saying.

He had to leave before the discussion concluded in order to make it to a class.

After this the audience was less timid and took over the discussion, making the whole room part of the panel.

Once all the topics were hit on it was time to wrap up the discussion and bring the panel to closing.

To conclude the evening, Jean presented a poem he wrote as a tribute to the late Notorious B.I.G.

H2O was created in order to give students a chance to express themselves through music and dance.

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Harmony Week promotes awareness of the sexes

Gay Straight Alliance organizes a fun packed week to support a cause

By Clair Tenney

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It was a week of special events to promote equal rights for gay and lesbian men and women everywhere.

Harmony Week, organized by Gay Straight Alliance, was held March 3-7 at California Lutheran University.

Harmony week kicked off with a Hall of Fame located in the Humanities Building.

It featured famous lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender men and women in history.

Tila Tequila, TR Knight, Lance Bass and Angelina Jolie were featured.

An ice cream social was held Monday in Overton Hall.

Students were treated to ice cream sundaes, snacks and a stand-up comedy video featuring

Ellen Degeneres.

Hate crime memorials were set up around campus Tuesday.

They were of victims of hate crimes that were a result of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

In 2006, of 1,415 hate crimes reported based on sexual orientation 62 percent were classified as anti-homosexual bias. Two percent were classified as anti-heterosexual bias.

The Center for Equality and Justice and Lord of life helped to put on an event Wednesday, in the Lundring Events Center.

It featured the documentary "For the BIBLE tells me so," that examined homosexuality and Christianity by featuring Christian families with a gay child.

On Thursday, people gathered in Kingsmen Park to show their support for the freedom of mar-

riage.

The event "Marriage in the Park," allowed students to marry whoever they wanted; their best friend, boyfriend, roommate, or girlfriend.

A sea of red was seen across campus Friday as students wore the color to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights.

GSA "strives to bring enlightenment and knowledge to the world bringing awareness to the unaware, light to the darkness of ignorance and provide a voice for those who are rejected by society."

The organization at CLU is just one of more than 3,500 Gay Straight Alliances in the United States fighting for justice.

To become a member or learn about upcoming events and causes contact GSA president Cheyanne Anderson.



A group of students pose for a mock wedding photo at "Marriage in the Park."



Dr. Juanita Hall speaks to a group of students, professors and administrators at the rally held in Kingsmen Park.



Students watch the documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So" in the Lundring Events.

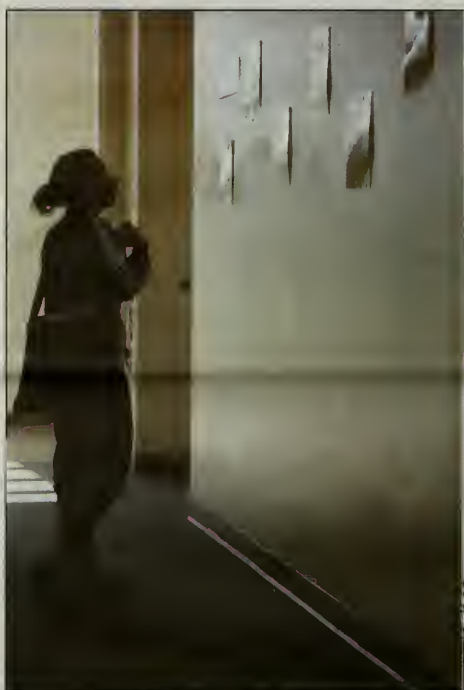


Cheyenne Anderson, president of the Gay Straight Alliance speaks to the audience before the screening of the documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So."

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An unidentified student looks at the "GSA Hall of Fame." The display was set up in the halls of the Soiland Humanities Building.



Students wear red to show support for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender [LGBT] rights at the rally held in Kingsmen Park.



Free pins with various pro-LGBT rights messages were given out at many Harmony Week events.



Photos By:
Doug Barnett

Memorials were set up around campus to remember murdered victims of hate crimes.

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Green is the new black

Saving the environment is not just a trend but a new way of living



By Clair Tenney

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Nature is making its comeback. Springtime brings blooming flowers, bright colors and beaming rays of sunshine. And something else is blooming too.

Hip fashionable lines are springing into environmental action by adding textiles made from the Earth.

Jen Menchaca's line, Nation Naturals, is a gleaming example of eco-friendly, casual chic. With environmentally friendly fabrics, Menchaca directs nature's natural resources into effortlessly striking tees and dresses.

Nation Naturals is missing the unappealing fabrics that standard hemp-based products have, replacing them with blends of 90 percent bamboo and 10 percent organic cotton, creating a material that is not only silky and supple but sustainable as well.

The line began in early fall 2007 and is now shipping to stores across the country. Stores including Fred Segal, Flair and Vine are carrying the green line and celebrities like Jessica Simpson, Carrie Underwood and Nicole Richie are already fans of the original line Nation Ltd. designed by Menchaca that began in 2005.

"My main goal is to have a soft luxurious hand feel to all of my T-shirts," she says.

Menchaca was immediately drawn to the soft bamboo material which created an elegant drape for a flawless silhouette. She says she had always wanted to add organic or eco-friendly products into her line and after stumbling upon bamboo, she decided to go for it.

"If I see something that I can do, I do it."

Menchaca chose natural colors like ocean, sand, papyrus, peacock and quartz pink to go along with the theme of the line.

Nation Naturals publicist Taryn Owens not only wears the line but is a fan too, saying that it feels like a second skin, but yet isn't too thin.

"One of the dresses, a pair of sandals and some bangles, it's a full stand out outfit."

Using a term from John Mayer, Menchaca describes herself as "light green." She hopes to one day own a Prius but for now she recycles "everything," and turns off the lights and water

whenever possible.

"Every person wants a soft T-shirt," she says, "And they can feel good about helping the environment."

So listen up fashionistas.

Mother Nature is calling you to help her out.

Easy Ways to get Earthy

Replace regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs [CFL]

- Compact fluorescent light bulbs last longer than typical light bulbs and they use less energy
- If every household in the U.S. replaced one light bulb with a CFL, it would prevent enough pollution to equal removing one million cars from the road.

Get rid of harmful cleaning products in your dorm room or house

- People who use cleaning sprays once a week were 49% more likely to suffer from asthma symptoms.
- Environmental Home Center, Oikos and Whole Foods all offer eco-friendly cleaning products. Look for products such as Clorox Green and Seventh Generation Tub and Tile Cleaner.

Provide a healthy living environment by buying a plant

- Plants have been found to reduce indoor air pollution and they provide more oxygen

Letters to the Editor

By Megan Lysaght

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

I have been thinking a lot about California Lutheran University's mission statement recently, especially as I get ready to graduate and jump-start my life in the real world.

The section in particular that continues to resonate with me is the university's goal "to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment ... and committed to service

and justice."

I studied abroad in Washington, D.C. with the Lutheran College Washington Semester this past fall 2007 and found a new sense of understanding about myself and about where I fit into the larger scheme of life.

I began to appreciate how my undergraduate experience at CLU and my time in the District with LCWS shaped that understanding. I credit a large part of this to my internship with Amnesty International USA in its

Individuals At Risk program. In my effort to continue my involvement with human rights, I have begun to see my surroundings as a community eager or in dire need to make a difference in the world via service and justice.

I, therefore wanted to continue to spread awareness about Amnesty's Day of Action for Kenya that took place worldwide on Feb. 28.

Although the day has passed, the Amnesty International USA efforts to help the Kenyan people have not ceased.

We, as individuals, have an opportunity to exercise our collective strengths on the global front and to take a stand for justice for all, especially for the people of Kenya.

The purpose of the Day of Action is to "reach out for Kenya," calling for the respect of the human rights of all Kenyans and demand that people are protected from ethnic and politically motivated violence.

Countries across the world protested the continuing human rights abuse in Kenya by taking

part in a series of international events on Feb. 28.

Kenya's strife didn't end on that day and neither do the efforts of Amnesty International. You can still get involved through petitions and online actions with Facebook, Flickr and Amnesty's own Web Site.

Too often, human rights abuses are not discussed until it is too late, but it is not too late for the thousands of Kenyans who beg you to use your voice because theirs has been silenced.

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In the March 5 issue The article "Brown narrowly defeats Cerro," was written by Danielle Kinsman, not Laura Bebinger, who was credited.

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Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.

H.L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

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Love advice

Opposite gender gives useful insight

How to respond

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By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

Let me tell you something about men. We constantly feel the need to display invincibility. Toughness is not a trait; it is in our DNA. Even a hint of vulnerability is often unacceptable in our eyes.

So when we do something stupid to those we love or feel hurt by someone in a relationship, we have a tendency to hold it in. By suppressing the pain or guilt, we assume that things will eventually clear up.

But just like anyone who has ever used Proactive knows, it doesn't work, and will often leave a noticeable redness, yet Jessica Simpson and Diddy rave about it like it cures cancer. Like any of us really believe they're using pimple cream, right?...but I digress.

I had a point. Oh yes, the fact of the matter is that the male gender is by all accounts the weaker one, myself included. When trouble comes, we run. Rather than confront the indifference, we hold it in.

Of the countless times I have done this not one of them proved to be the right strategy. It really just prolongs the pain.

It has taken some time, but my wounds have healed. I owe it to one simple tactic: finding a confidant of the opposite sex.

Now I know there are some men out there saying, "What? My girlfriend is ticked at me already, why would I want another female to bash on me?"

You have to trust me on this one, getting another lady's point of view does wonders.

When you confide in a woman the issues you're having

with your significant other you get incredible insight. Most men that decide to get things off their chest will undoubtedly go to their "boys" for advice. You see it on "One Tree Hill" all the time.

How can a close male companion's advice compare to picking the female brain?

Ladies, you aren't above reproach on this one either. Most are not nearly as headstrong as men, however there are some who would never dream of going to male friends for guidance. The problem with only going to girlfriends when trouble occurs with your boyfriend is simple, more often then not it becomes a man-hating forum.

"He's such a pig," Katie will say. Then Lindsay will shout something like "He doesn't value you. Dump him."

How on earth is this productive? And what the hell does Lindsay know about relationships? She hasn't had a boyfriend since Eric Manning in the 10th grade.

Support systems are important, however, only entrusting your cashmere mafia is never the most effective way to go. Try talking to one of your guy friends about the situation. He will give you a better description of where your guy may have been coming from. He could probably also help you formulate a plan on how to fix the situation without referring to him as a barnyard animal.

A couple of weeks ago I screwed up royally with a girl

that I really, really like. After I messed up, I decided the best thing to do was stay tight-lipped about the situation and just figure things out on my own.

That was a stupid idea. She was upset and more than that, she was hurt. I quickly realized that this was a problem that I was not qualified to solve. It was a calculus question and I'm still learning my times tables.

You have to trust me on this one, getting another person's point of view does wonders.

So I went to one of my closest female buddies and she set me straight.

She brought up points that I had never considered and gave me an approach that I would have never thought of on my own.

She also gave me the cheat sheet to exactly what my estranged lady was thinking and feeling.

Everything she told me and helped me with came to fruition. The fight is over, I have been forgiven and I am much better prepared.

Even a doctor needs healing every once in awhile.

Wanting to be your everything,

Dr. Love

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Spring break is a time to give back



By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

make a difference in the world, there is an alternative spring break.

I worked with Katrina affected communities in New Orleans during spring break of 2007.

I was lucky to work with a program called Break Away, an alternative spring break organization that places teams of college students in communities.

Students engage in community service and experimental learning during their spring break.

My time in the program involved working on short term projects focusing on issues in communities. The problems facing the communities ranged from poverty to homelessness.

I worked with Katrina affected communities in New Orleans during spring break of 2007.

It was a tough experience because of the immense amount of devastation after the hurri-

cane.

It was similar to being in a war zone, with deserted streets, houses and automobiles.

But the importance of being there was the experience of bringing life and hope back to a community. Little steps are the beginnings of big ones.

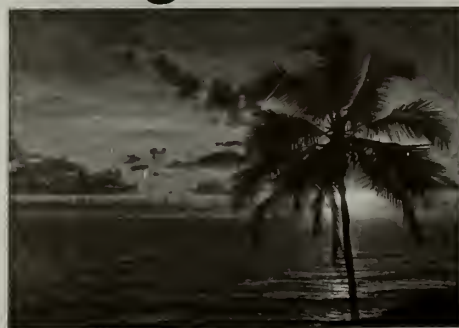
I never thought that I would ever participate in an alternative spring break, but I was greatly influenced by a good friend who went to Tulane University in New Orleans.

When the opportunity came for him and his friends to return back to Tulane, they didn't have the heart to go.

From freshmen to seniors, the beach and a fun nightlife for a week is ideal.

The city he loved had changed and he convinced me to go with him on this program to help out.

Although I have done the traditional college spring break,



I found that doing an alternative spring break has been much more fulfilling.

I felt good about what I did and was proud to tell people of my achievements. I also felt like I understood the social issues that had occurred in a Katrina affected area much better than I had ever before.

This wasn't just a detached place where tragedy had occurred, this was real.

People like you and me lived there and can't return without the help of others.

It is truly wonderful that California Lutheran University provides an alternative spring break opportunity every year.

In past years they have gone to places in need like, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador.

I suggest that you consider it this spring or at least keep in mind for the future.

More information about alternative Spring Break 2008 is available at www.callutheran.edu, searching the key words "Spring" and "Break."

Spring break, our soon to be and well-deserved vacation could be spent helping others and giving back to the community.

This may not sound fun right off the bat, but it's completely worthwhile.

From freshmen to seniors, the beach and a fun nightlife for a week is ideal.

But since we attend a school that encourages us to go out and

Former coach still loves the game

Don Bielke is a frequent visitor to Kingmen basketball, honored by alma mater



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Former CLU head coach Don Bielke cheers on the Kingmen basketball team at a game this season.

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

After watching from the bench as the men's basketball head coach 1974-83 at California Lutheran University, Don Bielke is a common figure seen enjoying the game from his perspective in the stands at Gilbert Arena.

The former coach and recent inductee to the Valparaiso University Athletics Hall of Fame took an unusual route to becoming involved with basketball.

"I didn't start basketball until I was a sophomore in high school," Bielke said. "I lived in Minnesota and everyone played hockey and body-checking into the snow banks was the thing to do. Then I wanted to get into football, but my mom didn't want me to get hurt, so I took up basketball and track instead."

Basketball wins out

At 6-foot-6 and a sophomore in high school, it would be difficult to get hurt, but he obeyed his mom and went down another path.

"The basketball coach came up to me one day and said 'Where have you been? Why haven't you been there?'" Bielke said. "I gave it a shot and have been bouncing a ball ever since."

He bounced the ball so well that it gave him the opportunity to participate in college, where he decided to attend Valparaiso.

He also was on the Crusaders track and field team.

"I was the first generation of my family to go to college, so it was a big deal," he said.

While attending Valpo, Bielke set numerous records at the school for basketball and track. During his 1952-1953 season, Bielke holds the second best record for rebounds in a season at 370.

He holds the record for rebounds a game at 15.4. He also tied the schools high game, with a 40-point performance against Villanova and ended his career averaging around 17 points per contest.

On the track, he set school records in the shot put and was tabbed Little All-American his sophomore and junior seasons at Valparaiso.

Drafted by Pistons

After graduating from Valpo with a degree in physical education, Bielke decided to take his basketball game to the highest level.

He was drafted as the 67th overall pick in the 1954 NBA draft.

"I was drafted my junior year at Valpo, but I decided to finish college and then got drafted again my senior year by the Fort Wayne Pistons," he said. "That was a big deal. It was fun being drafted and a great experience."

Bielke was let go by the Pistons just seven games into the season and fell back on his degree in physical education to continue a career in basketball.

Before coming to CLU, he spent 16 years at Concordia College in Oakland, a small junior college and high school.

Bielke was the athletic director and basketball coach for each

of the programs.

"There would be high school games in the afternoons and junior college games at night, so I was going all the time," he said. "Sometimes I would catch myself in practice talking about something that was going on in one of the other games. I had to remind myself that was a different game."

Welcomed by CLU

Concordia eventually closed and he had another opportunity to coach at a junior college in Austin, Texas. Coming back from the interview he decided to stop at CLU.

"They wanted me to come down there [Austin] but that was a straight junior college," Bielke said. "I heard about this opportunity here and stopped by to interview after my visit to Austin. I then made my decision to coach at a four-year college instead of a junior college, which landed me here in 1972."

Bielke brought CLU its first winning season in program history in 1979-80, a 14-13 record and sits second in career coaching wins with 110 behind current head coach Rich Rider (229).

On Feb. 23 he was inducted to the Valparaiso Athletics Hall of Fame for his accomplishments at the university.

"It was fun being back there and I got to see a lot of people I haven't talked to in a while. Some of my teammates and classmates even came back for it, so it was a big deal" he said. "Being honored for both basketball and track was a double honor."

SCIAC Standings

(Updated on March 9)



Baseball - SCIAC

Pomona-Pitzer	6-0
Claremont-M-S	6-3
Redlands	4-2
Whittier	4-2
La Verne	3-2
Cal Lutheran	2-3
Occidental	1-5
Caltech	0-9

Men's Tennis - SCIAC

Redlands	4-0
Claremont-M-S	4-0
Cal Lutheran	3-1
La Verne	2-2
Pomona-Pitzer	1-2
Occidental	1-2
Whittier	0-4
Caltech	0-4

Softball - SCIAC

Redlands	7-1
Pomona-Pitzer	5-3
Claremont-M-S	3-3
Whittier	3-3
Cal Lutheran	4-6
La Verne	2-4
Occidental	0-4

Women's Tennis - SCIAC

Redlands	3-0
Pomona-Pitzer	3-0
Claremont-M-S	3-1
La Verne	3-1
Occidental	2-2
Cal Lutheran	1-3
Caltech	0-4
Whittier	0-4

Women's Water Polo - Overall

Occidental	5-3
La Verne	1-1
Cal Lutheran	5-9
Redlands	1-8
Pomona-Pitzer	0-2
Claremont-M-S	0-5
Whittier	0-5



California Lutheran University Athletes of the Week

For the week of March 3 - 9

Meredith Butte - Women's Water Polo

The sophomore scored 18 goals in seven games last week. On the first day of the CLU Tournament, Butte scored four times against Villanova and Cal State Monterey Bay. To follow that act, she scored three times against UC Santa Cruz and Concordia on Saturday. As if it wasn't enough, she added two goals against Sonoma State and another against Fresno Pacific on Sunday. She helped lead the Regals to five wins in seven games last week, their first five victories of the season.

Cameron Hurdus - Golf

The freshman led the Kingsmen at the Callaway Collegiate Invite in Pine Mountain, Georgia on March 3-4. He shot a 158 (+14) over the two days with an 80 on the first day and a 72 on the next. Hurdus wound up tied for 44th and the team ended-up in a tie for 12th.

Each week the athlete who has impacted their team the most will be recognized with CLU "Athlete of the Week" honors.

To view all of the Athletes of the Week since 2006 please visit www.clusports.com/pages/aow/

Regals travel to Michigan

Women's water polo heads east after hosting own tourney

By Scott Bredesen
STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's water polo team will face a big test when it travels to the University of Michigan this weekend to compete in the Michigan Tournament.

The Regals will face stiff competition from NCAA Division II and III schools.

"The competition is going to be great especially the game versus Michigan," head coach Craig Rond said. "It is a big one and the stadium will be packed with people and high energy."

To open the tournament in Ann Arbor, Mich., the Regals will face Mercyhurst on Friday at 7 p.m. The Lakers enter the tournament with a 5-2 record and are coming off a 15-6 loss to Michigan on March 9.

On Saturday, the Regals will play against Michigan at 7 p.m. Last season at the same tournament, the Wolverines beat CLU 13-3.

Before they play Michigan, CLU will have an early game at 9:15 a.m. against Carthage College (8-1). To close out the tournament on Sunday, Carthage and CLU will meet again at 10 a.m.

The team finally got going last weekend after a slow start with an 18-5 win against Villanova to open the Spring CLU Tournament.

The team followed it up Saturday, taking two victories over UC Santa Cruz 10-9 and Concordia University 13-8.

The Regals lost an 11-8 decision early Sunday morning against Sonoma State, but followed with a 10-8 win versus Fresno Pacific.

After starting the season with seven consecutive losses, the team bounced back and with four wins in the tournament last weekend and now carry a 5-9 record.

"This season has been a battle

so far for us in every game," Rond said. "Every team has given us all they have and we just have to keep working and we will be fine."

The team is the defending NCAA Collegiate III national champion and has a target on its back in 2008.

It was clear at the start of the season that opponents were playing their best against the Regals and returning to their home pool helped them get back on track.

"To be able to host a tournament at our own pool on CLU's campus and not have to play our home games at Oaks Christian anymore is a big plus and everyone is truly excited about that," senior Jill Jensen said.

At this point last season, the team was 6-5 and then came back from the Michigan Tournament with three wins in four games.

"The season has been very challenging. We took it for granted that the women's team was going to be the same as last year, but it is a different team and we have to adapt to that," graduate assistant Cody Pletcher said. "A little work on offense and we will be as good as gold."

Cal State Monterey Bay was the standout team of the CLU Tournament as the Otters went undefeated with six wins.

"They threw out some defenses that really gave us a hard time to produce on offense," Jensen said.

Although the Regals came out of the weekend with a winning record, they still feel that they have areas to work on.

"We need to play all four quarters and work harder than anyone else to be successful," senior Katie Windsor said.

The senior goalie had 10 saves and blocked a 5-meter penalty shot with her foot against Sonoma State.

"Everyone is expecting so much from us, but we just need to concentrate on our game and we will be fine," Windsor said.



Photograph by Scott Chisholm

Senior goalkeeper Katie Windsor made 12 saves in a 10-9 win over UC Santa Cruz on Saturday and on Friday she made 10 saves in just three quarters in a victory over Villanova.

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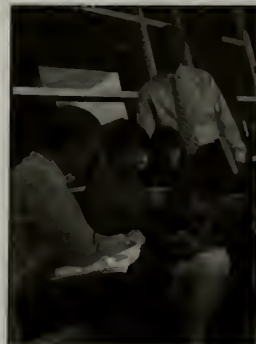
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Slugging Sophomore

CLU's Paul Hartmann has made a lot of noise with his bat in his second season on campus

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

Standing 6-foot-6, he towers over opposing players on the diamond.

And so far this season, sophomore Paul Hartmann's performance for the California Lutheran University baseball team has been a cut above the competition as well.

Hartmann, the tallest player on the CLU squad is as quiet as they come.

He hails from Tucson, Ariz., where he attended Sabino High School.

Hartmann had success in high school as well.

He led his team to a semi-finalist finish in the 4A-I State Playoffs his senior season.

In addition to baseball, Hartmann was a standout basketball player at his high school.

Oddly enough, CLU head coach Marty Slimak was not the one to discover Hartmann's talent.

Slimak was contacted by a baseball recruiter in the Tucson area who witnessed the abilities of Hartmann and knew that he had collegiate potential.

"When we were contacted about Paul out of high school we called and got him into CLU as quick as possible," Slimak said. "We knew he had great potential."

Playing basketball and baseball in high school, Hartmann wasn't privileged with the chances of playing fall ball and having preseason practices.

Choosing to play at CLU, Hartmann is taking advantage of playing baseball all year for the first time.

It has greatly shown in his

performance's at the plate and in the weight room.

"Paul is a special player who has an unbelievable desire to win and he is a very hard worker and it has shown in his performance," senior Trevor Davidson said. "He's a great guy from the classroom, to the field and from a friend to a competitor."

Hartmann is not a traditional vocal leader on the field but has led with great work ethic.

He chooses to let his play represent his determination of his desire to win on and off the diamond.

The 2008 season has become Hartmann's breakout season so far at CLU, where through 13 games he has compiled a .365 batting average, 10 runs scored, 19 hits, four doubles, 10 RBI and a .654 slugging percentage.

Hartmann only has room to improve as he's just a sophomore and will likely be the catalyst to the Kingsmen offense for the next couple years.

Last season, as a freshman Hartmann started in 16 games and tallied 26 hits in 76 at bats and no home runs.

He has already launched three long balls in 52 at bats this season and has started in all 13 games at first base or as the designated hitter.

He is two RBI away from matching his total of 12 from last year.

With his determination and gifted size against opposing pitchers, there is no limit for how far Hartmann will be able to take his baseball career.

"Paul hasn't even played his best baseball yet," Slimak said. "His best years are yet to come. They may even be seeing him in the minor leagues."



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Sophomore Paul Hartmann is leading the Kingmen baseball team in many offensive categories. Thirteen games into the season he is the only player who has started every game.

Paul Hartmann File

	2007	2008
Batting Average	.342	.365
Games played/started	26/16	13/13
At bats	76	52
Runs scored	17	10
Doubles	9	4
Home Runs	0	3
Runs Batted In	12	10
Slugging Percentage	.487	.654
Bases on Balls	4	3



This Week in CLU Sports

Wednesday, March 12

Men's Tennis vs. Kenyon (OH), 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

Men's Tennis vs. Skidmore (NY), 2 p.m.

Friday, March 14

Baseball at Menlo, 12 p.m. (DH)

Track & Field at Occidental Distance Carnival, 6 p.m.

Women's Water Polo vs. Mercyhurst (PA), 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Women's Water Polo vs. Carthage (IL), 9:15 a.m.

Baseball at Menlo, 11 a.m. (DH)

Softball at La Verne, 12 p.m. (DH)

Track & Field at SCIAC Four-Way (@CMS), 12 p.m.

Women's Water Polo at Michigan, 7 p.m.

For updates on CLU Athletics visit:
www.CLUSports.com

Sunday, March 16

Golf at CLU Kingsmen Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Women's Water Polo vs. Carthage (IL), 10 a.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Trinity (CT), 12 p.m.

Monday, March 17

Golf at CLU Kingsmen Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Softball vs. Massachusetts-Boston, 5:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Golf at CLU Kingsmen Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Softball vs. Augsburg (MN), 8:15 a.m.

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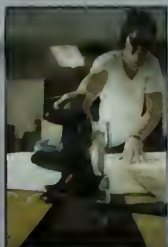
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Festival showcases student talents

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

The brilliance of students is currently on display throughout the campus.

The Festival of Scholars, returns this year to display the work of California Lutheran University's most talented students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business and the School of Education.

The Festival of Scholars is the brainchild of Dr. Mindy Puopolo, director of graduate programs in psychology and Dr. Chris Kimball, university president-elect.

"We were not sure if the festival would catch on here, but it went far beyond our wildest expectations last year," Puopolo said.

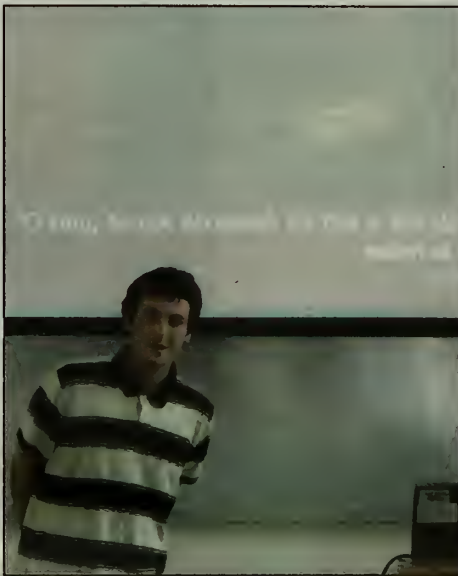
Event continues to grow

The festival, which started last year, showcases the original research and projects from undergraduate students in several fields of the university.

This year the festival has expanded to accommodate graduate students and faculty.

"The festival is a great opportunity for students to publicize the results of their hard work, and to get the feel of academic presentation," said Dr. Nathan Tierney, philosophy professor. "This year, CLU has invited faculty to contribute, which further increases our sense of ourselves as a scholarly community."

The festival began on



Photograph by Doug Barnett

The Festival of Scholars gives students an opportunity to showcase their talents.

March 27 with many different presentations around campus.

Students from the religion department gave presentations in Overton Hall.

Melissa Anderson, Kristin Cook, Kaila Hochkalter, Erin Kim, Krystal Puga and Landon Smith presented their research on the CLU Sustainability Project.

It addressed how to construct ways to think about sustainability that is specific to CLU.

Students from the multimedia department also presented

their posters detailing their creative development of original universes.

"Since I'm creating it I can make it how ever I want it, but sometimes it doesn't seem to work out how I think it should and it almost takes on a life of its own," said junior multimedia student Travis Sidebotham on the creation of his universe. "The most exciting part of it is just watching it develop."

Thursday's events also included presentations from the

Spanish department, the Office of Multicultural and International programs, an Arboretum tour in the All Nation's Plaza and a meeting of the French Honor Society.

The festival continued on Friday with the Communication Honor Society induction ceremony of Lambda Pi Eta, the honor society of the National Communication Association, as fifteen new members were welcomed into its two-year-old membership during the induction ceremony.

"It is an honor to be a part of a society with people who have worked hard and who have similar career interests as me," said senior inductee Kristin Bonham

Full range of topics explored

Monday's events featured presentations by the science, multimedia and the English departments and a faculty recognition reception celebrating faculty members that have helped students by using outside resources.

A poetry reading was held in honor of National Poetry Month in which students and faculty members read excerpts from the "Morning Glory" and "The Word."

Tuesday was highlighted by presentations by the history and English departments.

Jessica Kolstad represented the history department as she gave a presentation entitled "Occupation: Housewife."

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Colorful festival brings Indian tradition to campus

Students throw paint and water balloons at the Holi Festival, which has roots in Indian legend

By Laura Bebinger

STAFF WRITER

Kingsmen Park was drenched in color on Sunday as students came out to celebrate the Indian ritual of the Holi Festival. The proposed Indian Club, the Multicultural and International Programs Office, and the Events Office put on the event.

Around 30 to 35 people participated in the event that has deep roots in Indian legend that says Lord Krishna, an Indian deity, put colors on his girl friends, known as gopis, starting the tradition of the festival.

The ceremony began with prayers to Lord Krishna.

Then, the participants throw paint, water, and water balloons at each other. The person who is covered the most with color is the best player.

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Photograph by Doug Barnett

Students get paint all over each other at the Holi Festival Sunday. The event was sponsored by the proposed Indian club, which is attempting to become an official club on campus.

Construction to begin on new residence hall

In addition to Trinity Hall, CLU will add a new KCLU building, facilities building, tennis courts and a swimming pool

By Rich Culp

STAFF WRITER

Changes are in store for the California Lutheran University campus as soon as the spring semester ends.

A new residence hall, three buildings, additional parking lots, tennis courts as well as a swimming pool are all in the new plan for CLU's campus.

Trinity Hall, a 220-bed residence hall, and a new swimming pool will begin the construction.

"CLU is long overdue in building campus housing."

Cindy Keitel

Trinity Hall will be located in the space currently occupied by the facilities building. A 198-space parking lot will be built west of this new residence hall as well.

"One more dedicated residence hall is sorely needed to reach our student housing goals and to provide adequate facilities for all students," said Cindy Keitel, who is involved with community relations regarding the new facilities.

Trinity Hall will include four bedrooms with a shared living room, kitchen and bathroom.

"Moving the facilities building will allow for construction of the new dorm," said Ryan Van Ommeren, associate vice president of facilities.

The new facilities building and yard will be moved to North Campus along with KCLU and the early childhood development center. Also, a 113-space lot will be added near the soccer field to provide more parking for these new buildings.

The project's first stage is scheduled to be finished around May of next year.



Rendering courtesy of Amador Whittle Architects

The new KCLU building on North Campus will replace the current office in Mt. Clef Residence Hall.

The new swimming pool will be available for joint-use by the community and CLU. Six new tennis courts will also

be constructed as the current tennis courts will be the future site for the Swenson Center for Academic Excellence.

"The new pool and tennis courts are going to help bring in more students and especially more athletes," said senior Nick Davy.

Construction of KCLU and the childhood center is set to begin when fundraising is completed.

"KCLU and the early childhood center are shining examples of outstanding and award winning campus services and programs that have thrived despite being housed in outdated and inadequate facilities," Keitel said.

The new KCLU building will provide the radio station

to enhance its programming and include student labs.

The new preschool will be able to accommodate 56 children, 50 toddlers and six infants more than they can accommodate now. It will include a fenced in area for children to play and a patio space for teachers.

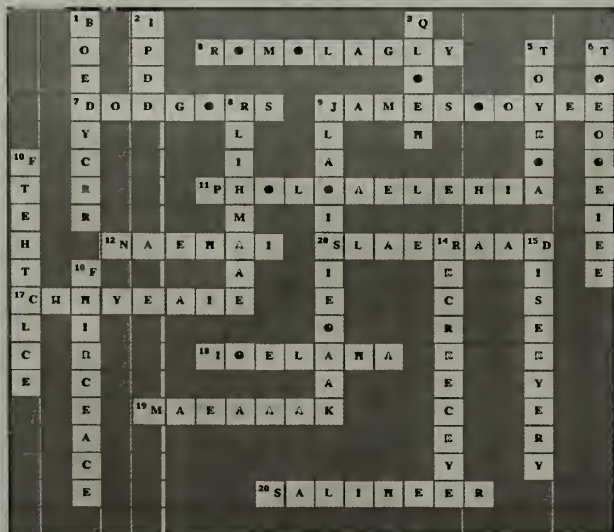
Construction will begin at the end of May and completion of the new residence hall, facilities building and yard, pool and tennis court is slated for May of 2009.

"There is a problem with overcrowding as well as insufficient and inadequate housing for undergraduate students," Keitel said. "CLU is long overdue in building campus housing."



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Trinity Hall will be located on the old softball field behind the Old West residence halls.



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Diverse presentations at Festival

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"I have always been intrigued by the mysterious 'housewife' phenomena of the middle 20th century because I had been reading the 'Feminist Mystique' by Betty Friedan simultaneously," Kolstad said. "I blame the mass media of the mid-20th century for conforming women to be nothing more than a 'housewife.'"

Amanda Setto, a pre-med biology major, spoke about

the research she did in her English literature to 1660 course on medieval & renaissance medicine and how it is portrayed throughout the works of many famous English authors.

"As a biology major, I have learned so much about today's diseases and treatments," Setto said. "Steering through the discoveries and wrong turns that made medicine what it is today has given me a sense of appreciation for

the past and optimism for the future of medicine."

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Jessica Kolstad

Participants in the Festival of Scholars are either chosen by their professors or ask their

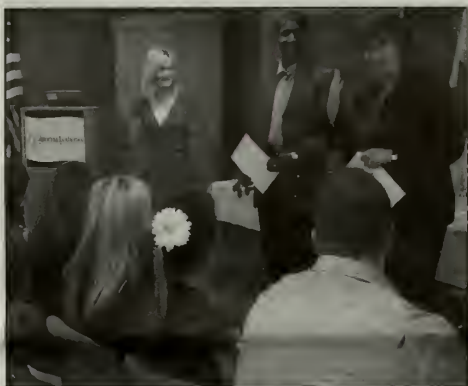
professors to help them get involved. They are required to submit an abstract, a brief description of their research, which can be seen in the festival booklet.

The festival is a way for students to share with the campus and community what they have been working on. It is also a great achievement to put on their resumes and a way to express themselves.

"Most students are excited to present what they have

been working on for the entire semester or year. They are motivated to talk about their research. It also shows the commitment the teachers have to help their students achieve," Puopolo said.

The festival runs through Friday in various locations around campus. Admission is free for all events. For pictures of what is being presented and more information go to www.callutheran.edu/ctl/research/fos.php.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Dr. Sharon Docter and Dr. Russell Stockard present at the induction ceremony for Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication Honor Society.

Traditional Indian festival

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The celebration ends with everyone saying "Happy Holi" to each other.

"This event was celebrated to make people know each other, and to show that Cal Lutheran does not discriminate people in terms of race, class and sex," said Manshi Kothari, president of the proposed Indian Club.

"Holi also shows how colorful Indian culture is, and also that Cal Lutheran supports all countries to celebrate their culture, to show a cultural blend and to have some fun."

The festival is also in celebration of the new harvest each winter and has a great significance for Indians.

During the festival there were Indian snacks available and the sound of Indian music could be heard throughout the park.

The meaning of Holi was explained to all participants before the colors began flying. This was the first time in the history of CLU that the Holi festival has taken place.

"I think that the student involvement in multicultural activities is really important because it opens your eyes up to a whole new range of fun things and activities from other countries, which we don't have here in the U.S.," said Mari Stromsvag, a student worker at the Multicultural and International Programs Office and a participant in

the Holi festival.

The Holi Festival of Color only takes place once a year in the month of March.

"Holi really brought colors to our lives today and I hope the trend continues," said Abhiesk Moulik, a student and native of India.

The proposed Indian Club of CLU will find out if they are an official school club on Monday.



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Two drenched students dance at the Holi Festival Sunday.

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SUNDAY April 6	MONDAY April 7	TUESDAY April 8	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
CLU Conservatory Cellists 1 p.m. Samuelson Chapel	Stress Reduction and Relaxation Group 11 a.m. Samuelson Chapel Lecture: Dr. R. Guy Erwin: "Does Lutheran higher education have a future?" 4 p.m. Lundring Events Center	"Happiness is not a circus clown rolling around in a big tractor tire so that his arms and legs form 'spokes.' Happiness is when he stops." -Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey	Mainstage 2: Maids of Honor Starts April 10 Little Theatre

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Whether the increase was made with student government consent is an issue

By Krystle Mataras

STAFF WRITER

Students may have seen the letter from California Lutheran University, and if it has not been read yet, it may be worth reviewing.

CLU has passed a series of resolutions that include raising student fees from \$200 to \$250 per year, but it's whether or not the raise was made with the consent of the student government that is at the root of a heated debate.

Student fees are used to serve the needs of the student population.

"If you have ever attended Club Lu or a program from the Office of Multicultural Programs, you have just attended an event funded by student fees," said Chase S. Linsley, ASCLU-G Senate director.

"If you have ever read the Echo or Morning Glory you are enjoying publications that are funded by student fees."

A resolution is a suggestion or recommendation voted on by the Senate and passed to university administrators such as the Board of Regents, the

president's cabinet and university committees.

Reasons given for the increase were inflation, student demand for larger scale events, the fact that student organizations and publications have nearly quadrupled in the past five years and the increasingly diverse student body has placed more demands on Multicultural Programs.

The allocation of student fees shows 40 percent going to the ASCLU-G, 27 percent given to student organizations and publications, 28 percent to student life, and 5 percent to multicultural programs.

ASCLU-G's mission is to meet the social, safety, spiritual and academic needs of the students.

Whether or not the ASCLU-G stayed true to its purpose and mission of representing the student body by consenting to the raise in student fees, has sparked controversy among its senate members.

"When the issue was first brought to the table I think we were all under the impression that what we voted would real-

ly only be a recommendation to the Board of Regents," Missy Bain, junior senator, said.

"But, soon after, Bill Rosser told us that the fee raise had already been planned into next years budget and would be quite impossible to change."

A report on Feb. 25 by Rosser, vice president of student affairs, stated that a "marker" had been placed in the budget and it was already too late to remove it.

"Senate voted to call for a raise in fees against the understood opinion of the majority of the student body."

Devonna Wolf

Even though most Senate members do not recall hearing about the marker, they were told that they were informed of it in November.

"I did a quick run through of the minutes that I could find dating back to November, and I couldn't find [Rosser] mentioning the proposed hike at all,"

Steven Roberts, junior senator, said.

"Granted the minutes aren't always complete or full, but I'd think they would have worked their way into them at least one of the times he's mentioned it."

Rosser was said to have opened the discussion explaining that a senate consent vote would "take some heat off of his back."

"It was discussed that everyone in the Facebook group we created did not support the fees, and most people we talked to were indifferent, but those who cared were really against the fees," Devonna Wolf, commuter senator, said.

"I felt that we should let it die, so it didn't look like we caused the raise in fees. It would reflect the indifferent mood of most of the students and would put the school in a very uncomfortable position."

The Facebook group "Should Student Fees be Raised?" was created on the social networking site Facebook.com by sophomore senator Kole Tanouye and Senate director Chase Linsley.

"In conclusion, Senate voted to call for a raise in fees against the understood opinion of the majority of the student body," Wolf said.

"Not only was this decision against the student body opinion but it sets a precedent that the university can make such decisions without waiting for the senate."

Senators' opinions on how the raise in fees was enacted seems to be split with some senators supporting the university in their decision.

"That is not a true statement," Kole Tanouye, sophomore senator, said in response to the claims.

"Senate passed a resolution which will be read by the Board of Regents that we support the student fees increase."

While the confusion surrounding the fee increase is not yet settled, some are focusing on the opportunities the raise may present.

"Maybe next year's clubs and programs will be so awesome that no one will remember what they were worried about in the first place," Bain said.

Successful actor gives drama club insight to the acting business

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

The realities of the film, TV and stage industries were explored by actor Markus Flanagan on Friday in the Little Theater.

The Group Formally Known as The Drama Club invited Flanagan, who has been touring universities across the country to speak to the aspiring actors and actresses on campus.

Flanagan wrote a book, "One Less Bitter Actor: The Actor's Survival Guide."

"[The book] shares the advice of a well-traveled friend who has found a way to reconcile art and commerce without losing a love of the craft," Flanagan said.

"It takes a mentor's approach to helping actors address all the unforeseen issues that only come from living the actor's life."

Aside from being a new author, he is a successful actor, who lives in Ventura with his family.

Flanagan has been a regular on various television series' on ABC, NBC and Nickelodeon and has film credits from "Biloxi Blues," "The Kingdom" and "For Richer or Poorer."

He has also done over 30 guest appearances on shows including "Seinfeld," "CSI," "Friends," "Heroes," "Numbers" and "Malcolm in the Middle."

Flanagan's seminar focused mainly on points from his book.

"Actors are bitter, arrogant and are

divas," he said. "[This happens] when doing what you love collides with trying to make a dollar."

The most prevalent point he discussed was of rejection.

"Rejection is not the rejection of self, it is about the rejection of that daily choice," Flanagan said.

He also made it a point to remember that acting is a cut-throat business for the people choosing you as well. Their reputation is at stake and no one wants to damage their reputation.

He does say that there are three things

you as an actor can control.

"You can be on time, be prepared and be polite," he said.

Students were able to get Flanagan's professional advice by asking questions.

Senior Josh Banday asked how one gets passed stereotyping. Flanagan responded by saying the best way to handle stereotyping is to just ask what the person should be more like, and perform it accordingly.


Some of the other questions asked were related to having a job on the side, finding agents and what to do if you

have an interest in acting but have never acted.

Flanagan ended his seminar by telling the students that desire should be what drives them.

"It was valuable information. Even if you don't act, it is helpful in everyday life," Madison Hartstein said. "He gave positive feedback and put interesting spins on things. He gave permission to be persistent in life."

For those of who were not able to attend, Flanagan's book is on sale at local retailers.



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Books and Brew series discusses 'The New Brain'

By Brittney Danielle Kennett
STAFF WRITER

As part of California Lutheran University's Books and Brew event, Dr. Paul Whitman, assistant professor of business, reviewed "The New Brain," by Dr. Richard Restak on Thursday in the Roth Nelson Room.

"In this eye-opening account Restak offers an intriguing look at how new technology assists in understanding the brain's physiology," said a representative of Publishers Weekly.

"The book argues that this combination of technology and cognitive science allows us to monitor and control a far wider range of activities than was formerly possible."

Restak is a neurologist and neuropsychiatrist and is clinical professor of neurology at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington D.C.

He has written companion books to several PBS specials on brain function, including "The Secret Life of the Brain," according to St. Martin's Press.

The discussion anchored on how learning has changed over the course of many generations, and how multi-tasking has become a must in society. Also touched on was how easy and instant the access to information about the brain has become.

"Thanks to the development of

new imaging technologies, brain science is capable of providing us with insights into the human mind that only a few decades ago would have been considered the stuff of science fiction," said Restak in his novel.

"We can now study the brain in 'real time' when we're thinking, taking an intelligence test, practicing a craft, experiencing an emotion or making a decision."

For those who do not consider themselves experts in the science field, there is no reason to fear this book.

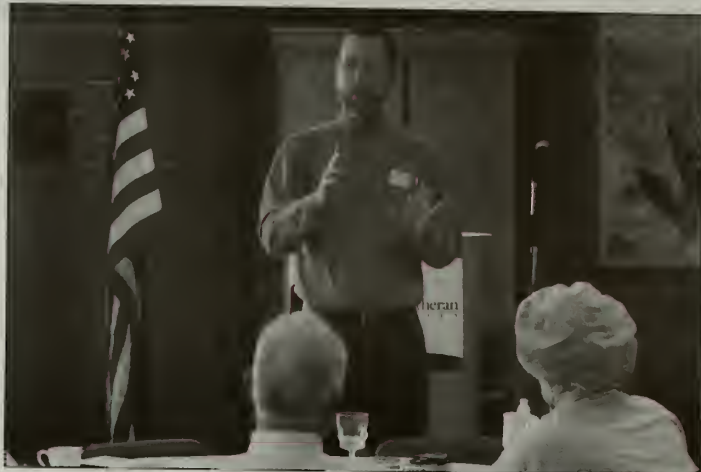
"I am a lay person when it comes to neuroscience, but in my opinion, it is very readable," Whitman said.

Many Thousand Oaks residents came to hear more about the book from Whitman and discuss its various aspects.

"I found the topics in this book to be very interesting. Last year, I came to every one of the meetings and loved it," said Barbara Gilmore, a member of the Community Leaders Association.

Many attendees at Books and Brew (which is coffee, not beer) share an interest in continuing to grow their knowledge about the world. Almost all those present were so because of their desire to learn.

"I like to go to these events because the novels are chal-



Photograph by Rob LeBaron

Dr. Paul Witman discusses "The New Brain" by Richard Restak at the Books and Brew event on Thursday in the Roth Nelson Room.

lenging to the brain. I wonder how you students are learning today in contrast to our methods. Multi-tasking is something my generation had to learn, but you kids just seem to get it," said Richard Lundgren, director of the Scandinavian Center at CLU.

Many in attendance expressed their opinion that this ability to handle many tasks at once is not lending to the advancement of learning, but is in fact hindering it. However, there were some who felt differently.

"I really respect older folks who condemn you kids," said Marty Albert, a local entertainer.

"There are no old timers who respect the good youths, they only see the bad, the gangs and the violence, and the kids who get babysat by the computer."

Restak's book sparked some great dialogue for discussion and fueled the fire for debate, too.

Books and Brew's discussion of "The New Brain" served as a source of some new information about the mind, and the way it is

changing. It also left the attendees with a little theoretical meat to chew on.

"The human body is absolutely impossible to know everything about. The basic topic is of extreme interest. The mind/brain duality is an interesting topic as well. What is the mind?" Albert said.

The upcoming Books and Brew will take place on April 10 in the Roth Nelson Room. Under discussion will be Amy Hempel's "The Collected Stories."

CLU students display their artwork at seventh annual CLUFEST

By Krystle Mataras

STAFF WRITER

The most promising student artists will have a chance to display their artwork and compete for top honors at the seventh annual CLUFEST.

The event will take place at California Lutheran University's Kwan Fong Gallery today through April 21, and admission is free.

This year's CLUFEST feature close to 50 of the most talented student graphic designers, illustrators, animators, photographers, digital film makers and computer artists.

They are competing in 13 categories with first, second and third place winners in each.

Artists will be judged on professional quality, artistic merit and creativity by professionals in the field specific to each category.

The show will be on display all day, but the sound and video segments will run from about 8 a.m. until early evening, according to Tim Hengst, multimedia professor.

Although many of the same artists have participated in previous years, many are driven to make this year's CLUFEST a special one.

"The senior class is in charge, and we all wanted this to be an awesome CLUFEST, so to do that I just submitted a lot of my work because I wanted to make sure we had a ton of submissions to be submitted and displayed," said Bret Bays, senior multimedia and art major.

"I submitted a lot of items in various categories including digital photography, 3D modeling, 3D animation, logo design, etcetera."

You may have already seen Bays colorful floral design grace the CLU calendar of events Web site

and art blog in promotion for CLUFEST.

"This is my fourth CLUFEST, I've been fortunate enough to submit to each of the CLUFEST since my freshman year," Bays said.

"I usually win the 3D awards and won digital photography once and that was pretty neat."

Another student assuring this year's event will be a special one is returning artist Eric Kerr.

"This is my fourth CLUFEST, I've been participating in CLUFEST since freshman year but this is my first year being fully involved in the production of the show," said Kerr, senior multimedia major with an emphasis in Web and graphic design.

Kerr's 20 submissions range from graphic design, including logos, single page prints, brochures, product designs, to Web sites and 3D animation.

In his sophomore year, he received first place for 3D modeling. In his junior year, he received first, second and third place for product design, first and third place for web design, and third place for multi-page design.

Winning at CLUFEST will not only result in artists gaining a prize but will be a great benefit to their budding career as well.

"One year I got a cool Best Buy gift card, but on a more long-term level, being able to list awards that I've received from CLUFEST into my resume I think is really useful," Kerr said.

"A lot of work that I've done specifically for CLUFEST has also been added into my online portfolio which is also great, but one thing I worked on for CLUFEST 2007 ended up evolving into my senior honors capstone project that next year, so that was pretty cool."



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Senior John Atkinson helps prepare for CLUFEST 2008, which opens today and runs through April 21.

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'Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!' a quality film for both kids and adults

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

Yet another timeless Dr. Seuss classic is taken to the big screen with the adaption of his children's book "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"

This is not the first time there has been an adaption to one of his stories. In 2000 we saw "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and most recently in 2003, we were able to view the classic tale, "The Cat in the Hat."

Adapting Seuss' children's stories has been a challenge for writers, past and present.

To take a short story and create an hour and a half worth of movie that stays true to Dr. Seuss' imagination is a tough task.

In "Horton Hears a Who!" we are shown how one can take a short story and weave it into a full-length feature film while still following closely to the original story line.

It's the voice of Charles Osgood that distinguishes the narration of the original Dr. Seuss story from the adaption done by Writers Cinco Paul and Ken Daurico.

With two first time directors, Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino, "Horton Hears a Who!" is directed in a way that keeps it acceptable for the audience the children's classic was originally created for, all the children of the world.

This film also incorporates enough humor to keep people of all ages entertained.

And who better to star as the two main voices in this children's classic than Jim Carrey as Horton and Steve Carrel as the Mayor of Whoville.

It's not the first time that Carrey has starred in a Dr. Seuss movie. He was featured as the Grinch in the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Adapting Seuss' children stories has been a challenge for writers, past and present.

Carrey plays Horton, an elephant that comes across a speck floating through the air. It's not just an ordinary speck though. What draws Horton to the speck is the voice he hears coming from it.

The voice belongs to the mayor of Whoville and an entire community whose whole existence is in danger.

Although Horton believes that there is an entire community on this speck, the rest of the jungle he lives in thinks otherwise.

They stop at nothing to get him to follow their ideas, and conform to their beliefs that if you can't see it, hear it or touch it, then it's not real.

The only person who believes him is his trusty friend Morton the mouse, who is voiced by Seth Roger of "Knocked Up."

As Horton is being chased and harassed over the speck he carries, life in Whoville is in danger due to the events that are happening in Horton's world.

It is up to Horton to save the day.

That is exactly what he does, by having the Who's of Whoville make as much noise as they can so that the other animals in Horton's jungle will believe him.

It is the voice of the smallest and quietest Who, the mayor's son Jo Jo (Jesse McCartney) that helps Horton save Whoville by making enough noise that the other jungle animals will hear their community on the speck.

"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!" is a delightful and funny film for all ages to enjoy.

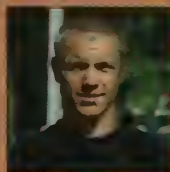
The focus of the story is that "a person is a person no matter how small."

The children's classic is adapted well by the writers with only a couple of pointless scenes, which were mainly added to fill time.

With the A-List of comedic actors voicing the characters, you're treated with cute child humor that doesn't just relate to children but even adults who will get a good laugh from this movie.

Campus Quotes

What was your best spring break moment?



Dan Loughry, 2008

"Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with my roommates."

Lauren Anderson, 2010

"My trip to Hawaii with my biology class."

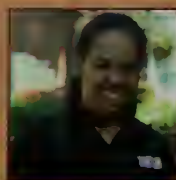


Corey Vickery, 2009

"I went to Magic Mountain and rode the Superman ride."

Leon Townsend, 2008

"Getting admitted to graduate school at CLU."



Dana Randolph, 2008

"Laying out on the beach in Mexico and relaxing."

Nick Magaurn, 2010

"Going skiing... all break."



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Love advice

Six tips to snatch up a boyfriend



By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

"Dear Brandon,

Basically we need you to step it up. Your last couple of articles have been well, you swung a little below par.

Your style and wit were present, but there was a lack of controversy, hot topic and to quote, "giggle factor."

So in conclusion, I am serving you and you better step up.

Best,
Your Editor Christina"

Well thank you for the service.

I really hope to get people "giggling again." Oh and by the way, if you're going to use golf analogies, then you should know that playing below par is a good thing. You essentially said that I am the Tiger Woods of columnists.

Drama, intrigue, secrets revealed, Britney Spears and for controversy, look below.

Everybody wants somebody. Anyone who tells you, "Being single is awesome" is more than likely a liar and/or lonely. Don't get me wrong, there are times when I've loved being single, i.e. at a club, immediately after a break-up, Christmas.

But those times don't hold a candle to the moments I've been with someone: Well, except for being at the club. I still don't get why couples go to clubs together.

What's the point? Freaking the same person on the dance floor for two and a half hours? Yawn.

Men, I hope you don't mind, but I will be writing primarily to the ladies.

Men are generally in the driver's seat when it comes to initiating a relationship. Most so-

called dating experts suggest that you shouldn't put a timetable on the formation of a relationship.

You know what I say? Go out there and get what you want. You set goals for yourself in other aspects of your life right?

The tips I'm about to give out should give every single gal out there just the right pizzazz to be relationship ready in no time, or April 16, whichever comes first.

1. Watch a UFC fight.

Guys love bonding with other guys and watching two men grapple with each other as sweat profusely drips down their chiseled bodies is unexplainably high on our to-do list. Do yourself a favor and watch a fight or two on Spike TV.

If a guy knows that you have some degree of interest in this thirsty blood sport, your degree of coolness instantaneously shoots up, like Courtney Love.

2. Stop wearing Crocs.

Oh my gosh I hate these shoes and so do most men. They are rubber and have holes.

Even when I see kids wearing these hideous gardening clogs I think to myself, "What? Are these kids Danish?"

And that reminds me, don't be

the girl that wears Uggs everyday.

I understand they're comfy and the ideal footwear with sweats, but wearing them four days in a row in August?

Let's try nice flip-flops with that skirt.

3. Make a man feel strong.

This sounds borderline medical, but the truth of the matter is guys still get a high from feeling like their muscles are needed.

A girl I had never even seen before asked me out of the blue to help her put a heavy box into her car. I never felt stronger. I kept thinking to myself, "All the people in this Best Buy parking lot and she chose me!"

4. Never look too available.

I've said it countless times: men can smell desperation from miles away. Make him want to ask you out. Regardless of your calendar, make him feel that you're almost too busy. Oddly enough, men love a challenge. You know you're worth it; it's time for him to start realizing it.

5. Smile more.

It sounds cliché, but most men are suckers for a happy looking grill.

In fact, the less you smile, the bitchier we perceive you to be. For real.

Flash those pearly whites more and I promise you a guy will hand you a compliment. Smiling equals happiness, happiness equals confidence and confidence equals men noticing you.

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Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination.

Voltaire (1694 - 1778)

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6. Stop with the make-up and Mystic tanning.

I understand foundation and eyeliner are essential to your daily grooming habits.

But when I see girls with neon purple eye shadow on, I find myself never looking directly at their face.

If you're putting make-up on with a spatula, sit down in front of your mirror and repeat after me, "My name is _____ and I have a problem." Guys really love the natural look, with shades of concealer.

And stop with the spray tans. Tan skin is certainly a gift, but you should have to earn it.

I don't care if you lay out under the actual sun or even go into a tanning bed for 15 minutes, at least your actual skin tone is being displayed.

You think we don't notice that you were white when you left to run errands and upon your return your skin has the hue of a jack-o-lantern? And you end up smelling like formaldehyde.

I could go on, but I feel that it's best that you let these tips really sink in.

You have to understand that at the root of all ideas is having self-confidence.

When you have the proper gumption to get what you want it's difficult to be ignored.

Take my advice and you will be pleasantly surprised with what happens next.

A boyfriend perhaps?

All for you,
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Getty is a must see of L.A.



By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

On top of the Santa Monica bluffs, looming over the 405 Freeway is one of my favorite places in Los Angeles.

Within the last few years of being in Southern California, I have been lucky enough to see several powerful and inspiring exhibitions of art hosted at the

Getty Museum.

Although museums carry a fairly boring stigma of being dreary, and full of old boring stuff, the Getty is far from that.

While the Getty has a small and fairly strong permanent collection of work, including my favorite piece, a gold wreath crown that was around before the birth of Christ, it is the traveling exhibitions, they acquire for small pieces of time, that are worth seeing.

In 2005 I was able to catch the end of Rembrandt's exhibition.

It included his late religious portraits and his excellent work with light in paintings first hand.

More recently, I got to see Edouard Manet's "A Bar at the Folies-Bergere," a very important and recognizable impressionist paintings, but it is not only the classic influential artist work that exhibits at the Getty.

Within the last six months the Getty has played host to one of my favorite contemporary artists, Tim Hawkinson's and his new

works, "Zoopsis."

His artwork is different from anything I have ever seen. When I entered the gallery, full of his new works, I was surprised the Getty commissioned this type of contemporary art. Hawkinson is far from a traditionalist in his style.

He creates a surprising menagerie of forms using common household items, industrial items and reconfigured images of his own body in giant zoological forms.

One of my favorite pieces by him was entitled "Octopus" and at first glance it looked like a giant picture of an octopus from underneath, until my eyes focused and realized all the suction cup were pictures of lips.

Works by French photographer Luc Delahaye was another great exhibition hosted by the museum. A very powerful series of large-scale photographs that featured significant recent events decorated the walls.

These images included sub-

jects ranging from natural disasters to wars and genocides.

His pictures were stronger than the images that are seen on TV newscasts because he took them in an ordinary way and presented them without explanation.

They allowed me to search for more of their underlying importance and not take them for their face value or what I was told to think about them by the media.

Their exhibit, which opened in the middle of March, is a revolutionary idea.

"California Video" presents works that show the variety of artistic experimentation in video art throughout California during the last 40 years.

It is an interesting direction for the Getty to take, because it is different from anything they have chosen to exhibit in the past and I am looking forward to seeing it.

More information about the Getty and the exhibits that are on display can be found online at www.getty.edu.

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You've achieved success in your field
when you don't know whether what you're
doing is work or play.
Warren Beatty (1937 -)
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Wake up men, act your age



By Clair Tenney

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

By Lauren Kane

COPY EDITOR

After sharing our recent dating debacles this morning and proofing Dr. Love's column for this week, we came to the conclusion that it is not us, it is them.

Men, why do you suck so bad? Has there been a recent convention in which you were taught to disappear without notice, stop calling and behave like prepubescent boys?

So in response to our own dating mishaps and Dr. Love's column on what women should be doing to find a relationship we would like to share our thoughts.

Lauren's personal David Blaine

I'll start by giving some background as to why I am unhappy with the male population. I started

dating the perfect guy about two months ago.

He was everything I tend to look for in a guy. I could not believe I found a guy as amazing as him at PJ's Pub.

My perfect guy disappeared a week ago. We went from scalding hot to Antarctica-like temperatures. This guy acted like he was crazy about me. The curious thing is that I didn't do anything to merit his behavior turn-around. Trust me, my friends and I have gone through every possible scenario and the only good excuse he has at this point is that he is unconscious or dead. Neither is likely.

This question goes out to every guy: What causes a man to disappear? It isn't easier ending it that way and it's not very nice either.

Give me the respect I deserve by telling me it is over. Don't make me guess. I can handle it.

Dr. Love, where are the tips for guys?

If there are rules for girls to follow to find a boyfriend, boys should have the same. Girls, take a stand and show that we have standards.

Now, I may not watch UFC, but really, what guy does? Dr. Love, do you have UFC's last season DVD in your Bratz backpack? I kind of doubt it. And chances are, the guy who watches UFC is not my type. However, I should reserve judgment. I could be wrong.

I am an avid baseball fan with my loyalties to the Dodgers. So, does this interest of mine seem to work on the boys?

You would think it would have seeing as Mr. Not-so-Perfect mentioned earlier shares my love for baseball.

Did it keep him around? No, it did not. Being into sports may help the guy's interest, but it won't keep him around forever.

There is one rule that should be followed. As corny as this may sound, the most important thing is staying true to yourself and if the guy doesn't like that, he's not worth it anyway. This standard works for everyone, men and women alike.

That is hard for me to say right now because I'm still hurting from my wannabe David Copperfield, but I'm trying to keep that in mind.

One more thing: being single can be fun. It can also suck. But liking the single life doesn't mean you're lonely. I was enjoying it for a while until Houdini came around.

I don't like it right now

because I'm hurt, but that will change soon enough.

I'm not lonely, I just liked what I had and the prospect of what it could be. I know I will soon enjoy flying solo again.

Clair thinks men should step it up

I really wonder where Dr. Love got his so-called degree.

I completely agree with you on two things though Brandon, stop wearing crocs (men included) and stop with the make-up and Mystic tanning.

But I am going to take it one step further in advice to girls- take off your jean skirt and Uggs boots. The "trend" is over. You look ridiculous.

Ah, it feels so good to get off my chest. And how about the men? Are you guys really so conceited that you think you dress perfectly?

Here is my advice, take off your basketball jersey. It is either too tight or too baggy and I hate seeing your arm pit hair. You do not look good.

And another thing, why are you wearing my jeans? I hate seeing your package every time you move in them. Keep it a mystery to me please until I actually choose to encounter it in the bedroom.

Dr. Love's advice is to make a man feel strong. Well men, make a woman feel like she is petite, gorgeous and dainty.

All men need to increase their complimenting frequency. You can say things like: You have such a cute/sexy little body, those jeans make your butt look fantastic, what a hot rack you have and I love looking at your face.

Stop being lazy.

I realize that NCAA basketball is on, but it really makes me not like you when you can't get up off of the couch long enough to give me some attention.

Being texted at midnight after the game is over makes me angry.

The basketball players on TV cannot pleasure you, make you dinner, support your ventures or give you a back rub.

Note: No girl wants to do any of these things when the TV is more important than her.

And Dr. Love, you want me to smile more?

Well, no girl wants to smile when men continue doing idiotic things.

These idiotic things I am referring to is exactly what Lauren shared. Men disappearing. I was dating someone and everything was going great, he called me every day (sometimes even multiple times a day), texted me frequently and wanted to hang out daily. Then all of a sudden, Poof! He disappeared out of thin air.

What happened? I have no idea. Did I do something terribly wrong in the span of one hour?

Stop acting like a scared 13-year-old boy men.

Grow something between your legs and at least be man enough to explain.

The act is over. It's time for a new show.

Men need to use more self-analysis. Men need to determine their intentions before acting. Set the standards of what you think you can live up to; if you don't plan on calling everyday then don't start out by calling everyday.

We like attention but we can handle a day without a phone call. It's a week that we can't.

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Note:

The next issue of *The Echo* will be printed on April 9.

Water polo welcomes ULV today

Regals test three-game win streak against Leopards after big win over Pomona

By Scott Bredesen

STAFF WRITER

Riding a three-game winning streak, the California Lutheran University women's water polo team will compete today at 5 p.m. against the University of La Verne at home.

With a record of 8-11, the Regals will enter their conference home opener against a very talented Leopards squad which holds a record of 6-7.

"This is our conference home opener, so transition defense and scoring on man up opportunities will be key for us to come out with a victory," assistant head coach Matt Warsbaw said.

Last year in the only match between the two teams' CLU came out with an easy 13-4 win at La Verne.

"We must go in with a good mindset and be very aggressive from the get go versus La Verne and we will be fine," said senior captain Stevie Blanchard.

Caltech Saturday

The match against Caltech scheduled for Saturday will no longer qualify as a conference match, but will be a chance for the Regals to sharpen up.

The game will be held at 11 a.m. at the Samuelson Aquatics

Center.

On Saturday, CLU defeated the nation's No. 1 team, Pomona-Pitzer, 9-3.

The match was very intriguing because it was a showcase between the defending SCIAA champion Sagehens and the defending Collegiate III national champion Regals.

Cyprian nets five

Sophomore Joy Cyprian had a fantastic game with five goals for the Regals and Lauren Bridges also came up big, scoring twice.

The Sagehens had home court advantage, but it did not stop the Regals from shutting them down on both sides of the ball.

Pomona ran a full court press on defense, but the Regals handled the Sagehens with ease.

Giving up just three goals against Pomona-Pitzer is a season best defensively for CLU, and the team has allowed just 12 goals in the last three games.

Katie Windsor made 13 saves in the game versus Pomona and was a huge part of the Regals success in the victory.

"Our press defense worked very well against Pomona, so we need to do the same thing versus La Verne and not overlook them and we will be fine," senior Jill Jensen said.



Photograph by Scott Chisholm

Sophomore Joy Cyprian helped lead the women's water polo team to a crucial 9-3 win over Pomona-Pitzer on Saturday. She scored a team-high five goals in the contest.

The Regals went 0-2 against Pomona last year, losing both games by a combined three goals.

"Sophomore hole sets Joy Cyprian and Lauren Bridges have shown drastic improvement from their freshman years," Warsbaw said.

The Regals have climbed back to thirdplace in the nation in the Division III rankings and are

1-0 in conference, behind only Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, which has a record of 2-0.

The Regals have four seniors in the starting lineup, giving them not only experience, but great leadership.

An 0-7 start is very difficult for many teams to overcome, but that is exactly what CLU has done, improving their record to 8-11.

SCIAA Standings

Water Polo	
Claremont-M-S	2-0
Cal Lutheran	1-0
Redlands	1-0
Occidental	1-1
La Verne	0-0
Pomona-Pitzer	0-1
Whittier	0-3

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Athletes of the Week

For the week of March 24 - 30

Katie Windsor - Women's Water Polo

The senior led the Regals to a 9-3 win over the No. 1 Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens. She collected 13 saves, two assists and a steal. Over her last three games, Windsor has made 34 saves and allowed just 12 scores. She didn't allow a Pomona goal in the first and fourth periods on Saturday. This season she has made 168 saves and ranks among the top 20 in the nation among all four-year institutions.

Forrest Hunt - Men's Tennis

The junior helped lead the Kingsmen tennis team to three matches last week. The three consecutive wins is a season high for the team. Hunt was a part of all three No. 1 doubles wins in which they outscored their opponents 24-5. At No. 3 singles, he won both of his matches in straight sets. He also played in the No. 2 singles match against Biola and came away with a 6-1, 6-2 victory.

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Key SCIAC matches await

Men's tennis returns from Hawaii, preps for matches with Pomona and Redlands

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

Coming back from spring break is hard, but coming back from spring break in Hawaii is a completely different story.

The California Lutheran University men's tennis team will look to bounce back into SCIAC this week after a trip to the islands where they were swept by a trio of NCAA Division II schools.

"After that trip I think we are definitely more prepared as a team," sophomore Jordan Culpepper said. "Now that we have faced tougher teams, we know what to expect from the upcoming teams. It also helped us prepare mentally as well."

With no seniors on the team, the Kingsmen will look to use the experience gained from this year to stay in the hunt for a SCIAC title.

First up, a visit to Pomona-Pitzer (5-13) on Friday, and then a very important match against Redlands (15-3) at home on Saturday.

The Kingsmen have had time off since last playing a SCIAC opponent.

This will help prepare them for the home stretch in their league schedule.

Their last SCIAC match dated back to Feb. 23 when they dismantled Caltech 9-0. Rain postponed their match with La Verne in the afternoon.

"These two upcoming matches are very important for us," freshman Payton Aarestad said. "It's going to be a very tough



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Sophomore Ryan Lassila has been a mainstay for the Kingsmen at the No. 2 singles spot this season and helped CLU into third place in the SCIAC.

The Kingsmen sit third in the conference standings at 3-1 and see themselves in the rearview mirror of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Redlands who both check in at 4-0 in league.

An important thing for the Kingsmen is not to overlook Pomona-Pitzer before their upcoming match with Redlands.

"Pomona pretty much rivals what we are as a team, so it should be interesting," Culpepper

said. "Beating them would be a very good win for us."

A win against Pomona will send the Kingsmen into their match-up with the Bulldogs as one of the top three teams in SCIAC.

The Kingsmen are excited about the challenge ahead, as Redlands is a perennial powerhouse, with 15 national titles and 56 SCIAC championships.

"We want to come out strong in the doubles and hopefully

sweep the doubles," Aarestad said. "It would definitely get us pumped for the singles."

Last season, CLU lost its only match with the Bulldogs 8-1 at Redlands in early April.

"We match up well with them and last year we had really good battles," Culpepper said. "I think with our maturity since last year it is going to help us in the long run."

CLU has won three straight games after returning from

Hawaii, its longest win streak of the season.

The team has three SCIAC competitions left before the conference tournament on April 18.

On Tuesday the Kingsmen handed the Whitworth University, which was traveling from Washington, in a dominant fashion winning 7-2.

The Kingsmen were able to win all but one match in both events of the singles and doubles.

On Saturday, the Kingsmen played two matches. The first was a morning contest against Biola in which the Kingsmen swept the Eagles 9-0.

During the afternoon, they faced off against Chapman for the second time this year.

CLU came away with a 7-2 victory after beating the Panthers 6-3 earlier in the season.

SCIAC Standings

Men's Tennis	
Redlands	4-0
Claremont-M-S	4-0
Cal Lutheran	3-1
Occidental	2-2
La Verne	2-2
Pomona-Pitzer	1-3
Whittier	0-4
Caltech	0-4
Women's Tennis	
Redlands	4-0
Pomona-Pitzer	3-1
La Verne	3-1
Claremont-M-S	3-1
Occidental	2-2
Cal Lutheran	1-3
Caltech	0-4
Redlands	0-4

Regals head back into conference play

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

After over a month without a conference match, the California Lutheran University women's tennis team will get back into SCIAC play when they host Pomona-Pitzer Colleges for the first time this season on Friday at 2 p.m.

The Regals will also travel to the University of Redlands to face another SCIAC opponent on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

CLU went up against Pacific Lutheran University last Wednesday, but the Regals struggled and fell 8-1.

Junior Suzeye Nomura was able to give her team the lone point of the game.

The finals scores of her No.1 singles match were 6-2, 2-6 and 10-6.

Freshman Kate Dehmer and

Nomura fought a competitive doubles match but came up short and were defeated 8-5.

The Regals also played home against Whitworth University in a non-conference match on Thursday.

Nomura and Dehmer attempted to pick up the win that they were not able to get against PLU.

This time, they won their doubles match with a final score of 8-4.

"We are getting better in our net play in doubles," head coach Mike Benson said.

Considering the Regals have a young team, they continue to put an emphasis on getting better and growing together as a unit.

"There's not much we can change or adjust," Benson said. "I mean we are going out and doing the best we can."

The Bulldogs and Sagehens are undefeated and are the top

leaders in the SCIAC standings.

CLU has hopes of coming up with the victories in these upcoming challenges that they will come to face this week.

"I think it's been pretty good we are not one of the strongest teams in the conference," Benson said. "Our team is continuing to work hard and improve, having fun and feeling really good about the effort we are putting out."

CLU has lost five consecutive matches and has only four games remaining in the regular season, three of these with SCIAC opponents.

The Regals are going to travel to Redlands and compete in the SCIAC Tournament later this month.

The Regals stand with an overall record of 3-10 and 1-3 in the SCIAC.

CLU finished in seventh place in SCIAC last season, and now are in sixth place.



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Junior Suzeye Nomura has played in every match for the Regals this season at the No. 1 singles spot.

Baseball ready for Redlands

Kingsmen get professional experience, focus on three-game series with Bulldogs

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

For men's sports at California Lutheran University there is a sense of rivalry with the Bulldogs from the University of Redlands. Whether it's football or soccer, both of which tied for first place, or baseball where the competition is intense.

Meanwhile, with the first half of their season over, it's certain that the highlight of the year would have to be the no-hitter thrown by Alex Casillas over spring break.

The junior tossed the complete game no-hitter in a 15-0 victory over the host Menlo Oaks in Atherton on March 15. He needed 124 pitches while he struck out six and walked four.

It was the ninth in CLU history and the first since 1999.

"Coaching a no-hitter is the easiest thing to do because you just let it play out and saying nothing," head coach Marty Slimak said.

The Kingsmen will be on the home stretch of their season going into this Redlands game, with all the remaining games to be played being conference matches.

A weakness of the CLU baseball team this year has been closing out its games in the final innings while holding the lead and the Kingsmen look to finish out its games in the three-game series with Redlands.

"To have any chance to make regionals we cannot afford to lose anymore close games or even conference games in general," sophomore first baseman Paul Hartmann said.

It will be a three game series with the opener being held on Friday at CLU, while the concluding two-games will be played at Redlands in a double header on Saturday.

The Bulldogs come into the series with an overall record of 16-9 and a 4-2 conference record.

CLU boasts an all-time record of 36-13 against Redlands but for the last two seasons it has gone 1-5 in contests with the Bulldogs.

"It's extremely important that we win as many games down the stretch as we can, so we can have



Photograph by Scott Ohlholm

Junior Peter Schmitt throws a pitch during CLU's exhibition game against the Lancaster Jethawks at Clear Channel Stadium. He has posted a 3.91 ERA in 14 relief appearances.

a chance at winning the SCIAAC," senior right fielder Trevor Davidson said.

CLU wins Oxy series

After playing two weeks of non-conference games, the Kingsmen returned to SCIAAC action at home against the Occidental College Tigers.

After dropping Friday's series-opening game 10-5 at home, CLU bounced back with a 14-3 win to open Saturday's double header and a 6-4 victory

to close it out.

In the opening game with the Tigers, CLU collected 21 hits en route to 14 runs and were led by Brett St. Amour's 4-for-5 day at the plate along with three RBI.

Pitcher Byron Minnich tossed 6.2 innings and allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits while striking out five.

The offense had four players tally three hits.

Hector Sanchez, David Iden, Davidson and Vinny Lopez all collected three base hits apiece. Sanchez added three RBI.

In the second contest, CLU got a complete game from Casillas in the 6-4 win.

Casillas allowed four runs (three earned) on nine hits and struck out 10 Tigers.

Paul Hartmann led the offense with a pair of hits and scored twice.

Pinneri went 1-for-3 with an RBI, walked twice and scored twice. Lopez stroked a two-run double in the eighth inning.

In the Friday loss at home, the Kingsmen did get a solid performance from Hartmann.

The sophomore went 3-for-4 with a solo home run, scored three times and stole a base. Hartmann's blast was his eighth of the season, which leads the team.

Pinneri added a solo shot of his own, his second, in the ninth inning.

"If we finish the season with multiple series sweeps of our next couple opponents, we will be setting ourselves up to be able to keep pace with the top teams in conference like Pomona-Pitzer," Slimak said.

A pro-ball experience

On Sunday, the CLU baseball team got an experience they will never forget.

With the Boston Red Sox Advanced Single-A affiliate Lancaster Jethawks in town early due to a rare preseason series with the Dodgers, the Jethawks scheduled three exhibition games with different area colleges to prepare for their season.

The Kingsmen were the first opponent to face the Jethawks squad at Clear Channel Stadium this season.

The pair of teams faced off in a seven-inning contest that resulted in a 14-0 win for the Jethawks.

Steven Omlor was the only CLU pitcher to last an inning without allowing a run. He tossed a scoreless fifth inning and allowed two runs in two innings.

The event provided an opportunity for the players to experience the game at the professional level and included the Kingsmen having to use wood bats, as opposed to the traditional aluminum used in the collegiate game.

David Brethouwer got the start and ended the first inning with a strikeout.

SCIAAC Standings

Baseball	
Pomona-Pitzer	8-1
Claremont-M-S	6-3
La Verne	5-3
Redlands	5-4
Whittier	5-4
Cal Lutheran	4-4
Occidental	2-7
Caltech	0-9

This Week in CLU Sports

Wednesday, April 2

Women's Water Polo vs. La Verne, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 4

Men's Tennis at Pomona-Pitzer, 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis vs. Pomona-Pitzer, 2 p.m.

Baseball at Redlands, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

Men's Tennis vs. Redlands, 9:30 a.m.

Track & Field at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis at Redlands, 10:30 a.m.

Women's Water Polo vs. Caltech, 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. Redlands, 11 a.m. (DH)

Softball vs. Chapman, 12 p.m. (DH)

Sunday, April 6

Golf at Southwestern Invitational (Berry Creek)

Monday, April 7

Golf at Southwestern Invitational (Berry Creek)

Tuesday, April 8

Golf at Southwestern Invitational (Berry Creek)

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Latino tradition and culture celebrated

A full week of events included Folkloric dancing, film screening, church service and a fiesta

By Bryon Arjon

STAFF WRITER

The Latin American Student Organization of California Lutheran University sponsored "Encuentros Week," a week long program which focused on expressing the Latino culture to the CLU community.

The event began with folkloric dancing performances on March 31 and culminated with a fiesta at Grace Hall, which many students attended.

Events such as these give the participants well-rounded examples of the cultures and ideas that are on display.

The event gave a perfect example of individuals learning specific traditions and customs of the Latino culture.

The fiesta in Grace Hall offered many different foods for individuals to experience such as enchiladas, a traditional tortilla style dish and horchata, a Mexican rice drink.

The traditional style dinner is an instrumental part of Latino culture in the way that it is used to amplify the importance of family and celebrating the cohesion that is promoted.

Students who attended the fiesta also got a chance at cracking open a piñata.

"It is definitely encouraging to know students of other cultures are interested in learning about the Latino culture by participating in the events of Encuentros Week," said Oscar Madrigal, CLU alumnus and previous president of Crusade for Justice, a campus club that created awareness of social injustice.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Colorful Folkloric dancers entertained at LASO's annual Encuentros week.

"It clarifies that events of this nature are achieving their main goal."

Encuentros Week also included a chapel service on April 2 where students were encouraged to share their own experiences.

Students attended to reflect on the many different celebrations and traditions of the Hispanic culture, allowing for a great chance to educate individuals of one of the many cultures that contribute to CLU's diversity.

"It was amazing to be able to share different aspects of my culture to those who were interested, and at the same moment increase knowledge of our cultural presence on

campus," said Bettina Guerrero, speaker at the Encuentros Chapel Service reflection.

Other events which comprised Encuentros Week included an associated game night and the showing of "Wetback: An Undocumented Documentary," presented in Nygreen Hall on April 1.

Past events sponsored by LASO include the appreciation dinner focused toward CLU staff members who work in the campus dining department, the agricultural facilities workers and all of the people who contribute to the campus.

Events like these allow others to gain insight and ultimately appreciate some of the staff

members whose extra efforts sometimes go unnoticed.

"The multicultural clubs on campus do an excellent job at promoting their events not only among other multicultural students but to the CLU community," former LASO president Venus Tamayo said. "I believe it would be beneficial to offer more opportunities for CLU students to learn about, experience, and embrace the many cultures represented here at CLU."

With the success of the events and the participating support of the involved student community, it becomes evident the learning experiences can only get better.

Former officer gives context to war on terror

By Danielle Kinsman

STAFF WRITER

Former naval pilot Ed Beakley explained the new dangers of fighting modern terrorists to students Thursday.

He warned of how these terrorists have blurred their identity to make practical warfare more difficult.

He presented Project White Horse, information about the world on terror, and put it in context of warfare.

After spending 20 years in the Navy and then working for a defense sub-contractor on anti-terrorism, Beakley put terrorism in perspective for the audience.

"If they have weapons and we have weapons, how does it all work when the other guy doesn't play fair," he said.

Ed Beakley is an anti-terrorism specialist in support of Navy anti-terrorism force protections efforts.

Project White Horse 084640 is a Web-based campaign Beakley has authored

seeking to understand time-critical decision making in worst case disasters and what those who will be called upon to make those decisions need to support readiness of the people.

The numbers in the title, 084640, stand for the time, eight hours, 46 minutes, 40 seconds, at which American Airlines flight 11 flew into the World Trade Center.

Beakley gave examples on how easy terrorists can pull maps of buildings up from the internet and use it to their advantage.

Those in the audience were shocked to find how quick he found the map of the CLU campus on Google and how easy it was to zoom in on the Chapel.

"The Chapel and everyone in it would be dead if a car full of explosives were parked on Olsen Road," Beakley said.

Beakley discussed the different types of war on terror and how history has altered the way people are subject to terrorism.

He explained the methods of terrorism in the 70s compared to the brutal and

defenseless ways of today's fourth generation warfare.

"Back thirty years ago, we knew what we were fighting for," Beakley said. "Today, boundaries are blurred and criss-crossed."

The Project White Horse Campaign argues that fourth generation warfare is more dependent on technology and more dangerous than war ever was before.

According to Beakley, the lack of knowledge in fighting fourth-generation warfare is not due to bad intent as it is lack of education.

"It's really interesting to hear someone's response from being on the inside source of information," junior Jeffrey Sletten said. "To actually be able to take into account the diagrams and pictures and Beakley's comparison of how it could affect us even here at CLU is really interesting."

The Project White Horse Web site is being updated, but for further details, visit www.projectwhitehorse.com.

Students give back during Spring Service Week

With 10 events in the area, CLU students found plenty of opportunities to make the community a better place

By Rich Culp

STAFF WRITER

Students showed their community pride by participating in 10 separate events during Spring Service Day.

The event organized by California Lutheran University's Community Service Center, encourages students to give back to the community.

The day consisted of events including a beach pick-up, a trail clean-up, tree planting, setting up a computer lab and handing out food.

Some students went to Ventura's Camino Real Park to pick up garbage.

"We went to Ventura and picked up trash for two hours," Chase Linsley, ASCLU-G senate director said. "When we had finished, there were four full bags of garbage that had been collected."

Other students chose to take a different route and go to Los Angeles' Skid Row and hand out lunches to those living in the area.

"I really liked that they had one of the choices of going to Skid Row because I was directly making a difference in the community," freshman Kim Hamon said.

CSC works with YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Foodshare, Ventura Parks and Recreation and other organizations to provide services to the public and opportunities to volunteer.

"Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, there are so many different things that you can do to help," freshman Clarissa Blake said.

Those areas that were serviced during the day are all public places open to anyone, from walking the trails to lying out on the beach.

"Cal Lutheran, the city of Thousand Oaks and Ventura County as a whole has provided my friends and me numerous days of fun outdoor recreations, trail hiking, picnicking in the parks and hanging out at the beaches," Linsley said.

CSC keeps with CLU's mission statement, creating and promoting service opportunities that match community needs and student interests.

During April there are four opportunities to volunteer and serve in the community.

These opportunities include Spring Service Day, YMCA Healthy Kids Day and the Celebration of Service Day.

According to Linsley, Community Service Day goes deeper than just volunteering at local parks and YMCAs.

"The reason ASCLU-G feels it is important to serve all starts with the California Lutheran University mission statement," he said.

The mission of the university is to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation and committed to service and justice.

Students and faculty are always welcome to come and volunteer with CSC.

No shortage of opportunities exist to donate time and effort with three more events coming up this month.



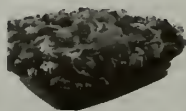
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Students get their hands dirty cleaning up the beach. The event was part of Spring Service Day, organized by CSC.

"I feel it is important to do something as simple as picking up trash because it allows future groups of students and

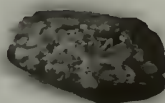
the community in general, to enjoy these recreational opportunities," Linsley said. "That is why I take every

possible opportunity to give back to these communities by helping preserve the environment."



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Kimball officially begins duties

By Candice Cerro

MANAGING EDITOR

Dr. Christopher Kimball beamed with excitement on Thursday as he talked about officially becoming president.

He began his duties as California Lutheran University's seventh president during the Festival of Scholars and was already extremely busy.

"The most exciting piece is starting in the midst of the Festival of Scholars," Kimball said. "High quality academic work is what this university is all about."

Kimball was appointed provost and vice president for Academic Affairs in 2006.

He was previously the provost and dean of faculty at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

"I've had some wonderful mentors in other ELCA universities," Kimball said. "The people with whom and for whom I have worked."

He explained that he came to CLU because of the mission and vision.

"CLU shouldn't just be a generic university; we need signature elements," Kimball said.



Photograph provided by Brian Steithum

Dr. Chris Kimball

Students and faculty who have worked with Kimball are also very glad he has become president.

"I am excited to work with Dr. Kimball," said Andrew Brown,

student body president elect. "We have already had a few conversations since his announcement and I have full confidence in his ability to sincerely listen to everything regarding students."

Kimball shared his favorite things about CLU, such as the strong community feeling as well as the beautiful campus. He also talked about his duties as president.

"My main job is to make the strategic plan come true," he said. "It is all about making this place better than it is now."

He said that the removal of the chicken coups to build the Swenson Center for Academic Excellence will be a symbol that CLU has moved from its first stage into the future.

"We are a university that has come a long way in a short time," Kimball said. "The fiftieth is a time to point the way forward."

CLU and Thousand Oaks will experience their 50th anniversaries together next year and Kimball said this is an exciting time to see how far they have both come and where they are going.

"It is great to see the president of our university have such a positive attitude towards the future," Brown said. "He is in touch with students and proud of our achievements."

When talking about what distinguishes CLU from other universities, Kimball expressed that this is an issue we are still working on.

He explained that a degree from CLU means a strong liberal arts education that prepares one to be successful.

"Dr. Kimball's true concern for student success, his love of this university, his passion to continue growing and challenging our academic programs and his overall funny and personable demeanor makes it so easy for students and everyone connected to this university feel at ease when he is around," said Amanda Whealon, coordinator for student leadership and programs.

Kimball and his wife Liz have two children, Glenn who is in middle school and Rachel who is almost 10. The Kimballs also have two Yorkshire terriers, Henry and Cody.

In his free time he likes to read mystery novels and he is an avid Boston Red Sox fan.

Dr. Leanne Neilson will fill the vacancy Kimball left as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Student safety will remain a major priority for campus security officials

By Tiffany Mataras

STAFF WRITER

College campuses have seen a sudden increase in violence in the last 10 years, making campus security one of the leading issues around the country.

Over the past year, with a bomb scare, the shootings at Northern Illinois University and Virginia Tech, California Lutheran University is not taking these incidents lightly.

CLU held an emergency drill in January to test both the university and the community's ability to respond in a crisis.

The drill revealed a flaw in the university's emergency notification system.

Text messages and voicemails were sent two minutes into the drill notifying students of the incident. However, some voice messages students received were inaudible.

NIU used a similar campus alert system during the on-campus shooting that killed six people, including the gunman.

However, some organizations believe the system would have been more effective if they included the text messaging feature.

Some text messages sent out during the drill informed students to lock the classroom doors, impossible because the doors have no locks.

"CLU has been evaluating the door issue since the Virginia Tech shootings, where several people died while trying to

barricade doors to their classrooms," said Karin Grennan, media relations coordinator.

"CLU officials are looking for a type of lock that can be set from the inside but still easily opened in case of a fire."

Another lesson learned by Virginia Tech's campus officials was not to ignore the warning signs in troubled individuals.

"If a student is exhibiting suspicious or strange behavior making contact with RA's, our counseling services, campus pastors and of course, security representatives could all be very helpful," said the Rev. Dr. Howard Wennes, former interim president. "I'm no legal expert, but we would rather have students err on the side of caution when it comes to reporting suspicious behavior."

The threat of on campus violence has driven Chapman University to consider alternative options.

John Lott, author of "More Guns, Less Crime" and "The Bias against Guns" spoke at Chapman on April 16, 2007, the morning of the Virginia Tech shootings. Lott advocates the right for students and faculty to carry concealed weapons on campus, which has been banned since the passing of the Gun Free Zone Act which prohibits anyone except police to carry a gun within 1,000 feet of college campuses.

"This issue has not come up on this campus. Our policy is no weapons allowed," said Fred Miller, CLU director of Campus Safety and Security. "I would

not be in favor of students or faculty carrying concealed weapons for many reasons."

While most believe this is common sense, others at Chapman disagree.

"I think it's a very good idea, and although limiting it to faculty would be a good start," said Mike Khalilpour, second-year law student at Chapman. "The problem may arise whereby faculty may become the targets more-so than students."

Other college campuses such as UCLA have their own campus police departments, which are equipped with firearms.

At CLU one of the security measures and services available include an Emergency Notification System to alert students to life threatening emergencies, emergency call boxes located around campus to call security or police, Emergency First Responder-trained campus safety and security officers and a campus alert page on the CLU.

Pamphlets on a number of safety topics are available in the Welcome Center.

"Vigilance is one factor that helps us have an environment that is safe and welcoming at the same time," Wennes said. "We don't look for trouble, but neither do we ignore warning signs."

For more information regarding campus security, including how to sign up for the emergency notification system, visit their Web site at www.callutheran.edu/safety_security.

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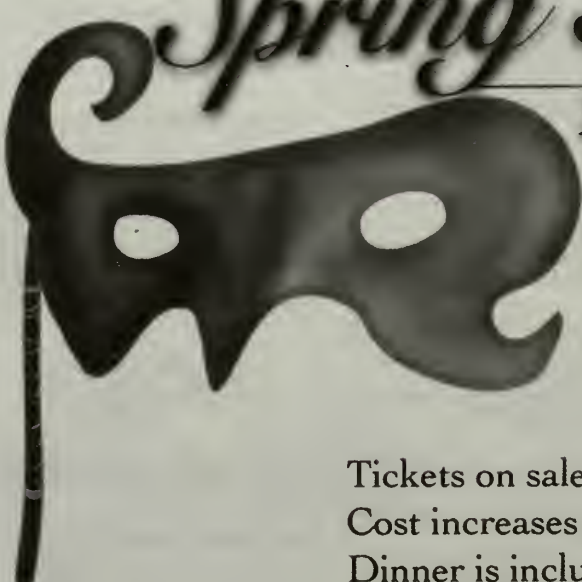
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WEDNESDAY April 9	THURSDAY April 10	FRIDAY April 11	SATURDAY April 12
<p>Take Back the Night 7 p.m. Kingsmen Park</p> 	<p>Books and Brew <i>The Collected Stories of Amy Hempel</i> 4 p.m. Roth Nelson Room</p> <p>Information Session <i>Learn more about our accelerated bachelor degree evening programs</i> 6 p.m. Lundring Events Center</p> <p>Mainstage 2: Maids of Honor 8 p.m. Little Theatre</p>	<p>Bible Study <i>pair a bulls</i> 12 a.m. Samuelson Chapel Lounge</p> <p>University Wind Ensembles 8 p.m. Samuelson Chapel</p> <p>Southern California Conference on Biomechanics Preus-Brandt Forum, through Saturday</p>	<p>Arboretum Tour with Dr. Barbara Collins 4 p.m. Hansen Administration Building</p> <p>Spring Formal: Masquerade on the Sea 6:15 p.m. Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach</p>
SUNDAY April 13	MONDAY April 14	TUESDAY April 15	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
<p>Mainstage 2: Maids of Honor 8 p.m. Little Theatre</p>	<p>Stress Reduction and Relaxation Group 11 a.m. Samuelson Chapel</p> 	<p>Out! <i>California Lutheran University's Gay Straight Alliance is proud to present Out!, a panel on LGBTQ issues and lifestyles.</i> 5 p.m. Roth Nelson Room</p>	<p>CLUFEST 2008 ends April 21st. Check it out before it's over!</p>



Spring Formal

April 12th, 2008
Masquerade on the Sea

Tickets on sale March 10th for \$40
Cost increases to \$45 on April 7th
Dinner is included in the price.
Bring your own mask.

Save the Date

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Theater arts department presents 'Maids of Honor'

Dark comedy based around three sisters begins tomorrow in the Little Theater

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University theatre arts department's newest play, "Maids of Honor," deals with darkly humorous mayhem and large amounts of family and relationship drama.

The show begins tomorrow in the Little Theater.

"Maids of Honor," was written by Joan Casademont and directed by Joshua Finkel.

It is a dark comedy about three sisters Monica, Annie and Isabelle (Izzy) Bowlin.

They are products of childhood abuse and the show deals with how their relationships with the people in their lives are affected by it.

"All the characters have to wrestle between the need to make the right choices and not be influenced by the resentment they have from

their past or the history they share with each other," Finkel said.

"They have to resolve their own internal frustration between choosing truth and honor over manipulation and being selfish. It's a wonderful journey of discovery."

The story focuses on Monica (Amanda Wallace), a local TV talk show host who is getting married.

Her sisters Isabelle (Erine Kelly) and Annie (Allison Williams) are in possession of important information of why the marriage would be a terrible idea and try to talk their sister out of it.

Charles Stockwell, the groom-to-be, is one of Wall Street's most important investment bankers.

However, he has neglected to tell his fiancé that he is a criminal and is about to be indicted for insider trading and embezzlement.

The show also includes several sub-plots which provide even more entertainment.

"After hearing word of the wedding, Roger Dowling, Monica's old love shows up to commit and propose to Monica," said Zachary Gallen, who plays Roger.

"The audience will have to keep up because of all the new twists and drama going on. It will be entertaining."

Erine Kelly

Amidst the chaos, Pat Weinhardt (Megan Cordero), Monica's friend and New York socialite insists upon the financial support of marrying into wealth.

Meanwhile, Annie's ex-fiance Harry (Sam Lovetro)

is catering the event," Kelly said.

"My cast is terrific," Finkel said. "They have done a wonderful job taking on the challenge of piece: delving into the play's deep emotion, leering to nail the highly physical and verbal comic moments, and above all master the intricate speaking that this text demands."

The show comes highly recommended by one of its stars.

"I would definitely come see it, it's going to be fun to watch and there is never a dull moment. Something is always happening," Kelly said.

"The audience will have to keep up because of all the new twists and drama going on. It will be entertaining."

"From the beginning to the very end, there is always something going wrong or more drama being added."

"Maids of Honor" offers

something for everyone.

"The audience will definitely enjoy it," Cordero said.

"Each actor has a good sense for the comedy in the show, so people will get a good laugh as well as the terrific performances during the more serious moments along with the romance so there's a little something in there for everyone except people who get easily offended by strong language."

The play runs through April 20, with performances on April 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19 at 8 p.m.

Admission is free with a CLU I.D. and \$10 without. Seating is limited.

Reservations may be made in the Student Union Building by depositing a dollar to guarantee a spot.

The dollar will be returned when the tickets are picked up at the door.

Student musicians perform cello music at free concert in Chapel

By Krystle Mataras

STAFF WRITER

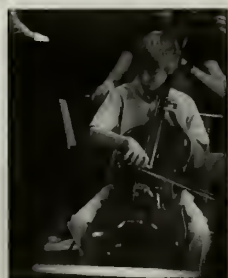
Cellists of California Lutheran University gathered at Samuelson Chapel on Sunday for an afternoon of French music.

They performed selections from Debussy, Faure, Saint Saens, Ravel and Godard during the free concert sponsored by the CLU music department.

Performing cellists were members of Dr. Joyce Geeting's private cello class which includes CLU students.

"Among the cellists, who are all my private students, was Erik Sparby, CLU sophomore and David Mason, who is an incoming freshman next fall. The others are high school, junior high, and a few elementary," Geeting said.

She has an extensive background in music, having received a doctorate of musical



Photograph by Doug Barnett

A student performs in the chapel on Sunday.

arts in cello pedagogy and performance from the University of Oregon. She has also performed throughout the United States and Western Europe, and has appeared on radio and television broadcasts.

"I am a professional cellist and have performed in hundreds of orchestra, chamber ensembles, and solo concerts, aside

from performing in opera, ballet and musical theater orchestras," she said. "I have always divided my time between teaching and performing."

Many of her former students are professionals in the United States with several in Europe and one in South Africa.

"She is a terrific cellist and adjunct teacher that has been teaching for 24 years," said Dr. Daniel Geeting, her husband and professor of music.

She teaches one or more college classes during semester.

The first hour was a French set performed by the CLU

Conservatory Cellists, while the second hour was devoted to solo performances.

"With each public concert I try to have a theme. In November, we performed a concert of music by David Popper. The previous spring we performed a concert of music by Henry Squire, and before that a concert of Italian cello music, a concert of Hungarian cello music, and a concert of Spanish repertoire," Geeting said.

"On this concert we played a set of French music. This way students get to know a composer and various styles."

Every concert is taped and broadcasted on TV.

"Having the students perform from advanced down to beginners in unison and then individually creates a great sound and gives them more confidence," she said.

The next event is the CLU Wind Ensemble concert Friday at 8 p.m. in the Samuelson Chapel.

Admission is free and donations are accepted.

For more information including upcoming performances contact the music department at (805) 493-3305.

ATTENTION ALL NON-RETURNING STUDENTS (graduating, transferring or leaving CLU)

If you have taken out a Perkins loan while at CLU, you are REQUIRED by Federal regulations to attend loan exit counseling. Counseling sessions are as follows:

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, April 16th	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	NELSON ROOM
Wednesday, April 16th	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	NELSON ROOM
Thursday, April 17th	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	ALUMI - ROOM 113

Plan on attending one of the sessions listed above, each session will last approximately one hour. You will need to bring a pen, your drivers license number and the names and address of two personal references (not associated with CLU) or living in your or your parents home.

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The Purple Pit aims to raise school spirit

Student organization supports Kingsmen and Regals at all CLU sporting events

By Christian Blanchard
and Jonathan McDermott
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Purple Pit, a club organized of students to cheer on California Lutheran University athletic teams is hard to miss at sporting events.

Carlos Lopez, the founder of The Purple Pit in 2002, initiated excitement about this spirited group and since has attracted more fans to cheer for the many sports teams.

The new chairman, Richard Borroso II, took over The Purple Pit for Lopez last year.

"The purpose of the Purple Pit is to raise school spirit, and to cheer on our Kingsmen and Regals," he said.

The Purple Pit has 20-30 members who try to make it to all home and away games, to cheer their fellow classmates on.

"Unfortunately there is no funding for The Purple Pit," Borroso said. "We would love to eventually get buses to take down to the away games."

The club would like to start fundraising for T-shirts first. After T-shirts, money can be raised for buses and other

needs to make The Purple Pit more involved with the CLU sports community.

Borrosio said his most memorable moment with the Purple Pit was at a basketball game against Pomona-Pitzer last January.

"It came down to the wire and we won 68-66," Borroso said. "The Purple Pit was cheering so loud it made the other team mess up. Then we scored and won the game."

Speaking with two other members about their experiences in The Purple Pit, Jordan Culpepper and Ross Gracia, relayed how much fun it is to be a part of this spirited group during sporting events.

"Four Purple Pit members, including myself, traveled to Occidental's gym and cheered on our basketball team almost as loud as their crowd and had a blast doing it," Culpepper said.

Gracia said that it is the high-energy environment that attracts him to The Purple Pit.

"Any home Cal Lu game gets me amped to get in the stands and be part of The Purple Pit," Gracia said.

The Purple Pit cheers for



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Members of the Purple Pit react during a Kingsmen basketball game at Gilbert Arena. The main goal of the club is to support all CLU sports both home and away.

all the different sports teams the university has to offer, including intramurals.

Though The Purple Pit has fun cheering the teams on, it would eventually like to be known for more than just cheering.

"I would love to have pre-game socials," Borroso said.

He mentioned tailgate-type of affairs outside the stadium before the upcoming contest begins.

Borrosio said he believes that this type of social gathering would draw many more new members.

For CLU sports fans with strong urges to let out inner

Cal Lutheran pride at any sporting event, the Purple Pit is a group worth joining.

Its members believe that not only will it bring satisfaction from supporting the Kingsmen and Regals, but it's the best way to meet people that share the same enthusiasm.

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Matthew Kufeld cheers on the Kingsmen during a basketball game at Gilbert Arena.

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Nomads club encourages students to explore, camp around campus

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

The Nomads Club is perfect for all students who love the outdoors, spending time with friends and meeting new people.

The club was created about three years ago by two California Lutheran University alumni, Katey Doerkson and Stine Waldersen.

They loved nature, CLU and sleeping in tents with their friends, and upon their graduation last spring, senior Caitlin McCandless took the reigns as president.

The Nomads primarily focus on sleeping in tents around CLU.

Members of the club want to encourage students from the past and the present to share their love of the CLU campus.

"Whenever we nomad to a new place, we are given a new opportunity to meet new people," McCandless said.

"We gain new personal

experiences and fall in love with the outdoors once more."

The Nomads have slept in various places all across campus, including the cross, peppergrove, near the music house, at Buth Park, near Mt. Clef, near Nygrem 1

"We are given a new opportunity to meet new people, gain new personal experiences and fall in love with the outdoors once more."

Caitlin McCandless

and Kingsmen Park.

The club has no mandatory meetings, no club fees, no projects and no obligation to attend the events.

Club members attend events on their own time.

The Nomads meet once a month, usually on Thursdays, sometime around 10 p.m.

Meetings usually include

setting up camp and staying up for hours talking with one another.

The Nomads next adventure will take place around the Centrum on Thursday, April 17 at 10 p.m.

They will be making s'mores, using the building's fire pit."

The club has T-shirts, but they will not be available until next fall.

The shirts are only ordered once a year.

People may bring a group of friends or go alone.

No matter what, the Nomads will accept any new members.

"It doesn't matter who you are. You are welcome to sleep with us," McCandless said. "We pride ourselves on being the only club on campus which allows the breaking of cohabitation policies on campus."

For more information, contact McCandless at cmccand@clunet.edu or view their group on Facebook.

Campus Quotes

What are your plans for the summer?

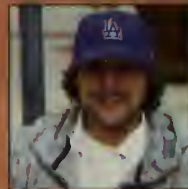
Nicole Sparkman, 2011

"Taking classes at the community college back home."



Mike Aragon, 2009

"Working and playing rugby."



Tara Araiza, 2008

"Working to pay my rent."



Gigi Arjomando, 2009

"I'm going on vacation, because I'm graduating. I'm going to Ecuador."



Chad Heshong, 2009

"Working and playing baseball."



Steven Omlor, 2009

"Going to the beach and playing baseball."



Program: How to Measure a Life
Date: Thursday, April 17th, 2008
Time: 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM
Place: Chapel

Description: A night of music, stories and celebration of life. A program that explores the themes presented in the popular hit musical "RENT". Speakers from all walks of life will be present to touch on their very personal, moving and sometimes heartbreaking experiences. Included will be: an HIV+ Speaker, a speaker with AIDS, a homeless speaker, a transgendered speaker and a speaker who struggles with addiction. The night will also be divided up by popular musical numbers from the musical "RENT" shown from clips from the film or performed LIVE by the CLU Men and Women's Quartets. Delicious food will be served, and raffle prizes will be abundant!

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Love advice

Do's and don'ts of a first date



By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

After the overwhelming feedback from last week's column, I feel vindicated.

The fact that young ladies on this campus were down right giddy to see a step-by-step tutorial and they were practically begging for more is personally gratifying.

But I did of course get a couple of criticisms. In case you missed it, a story written

by two very talented and witty female counterparts of mine, was placed right next to my article last week.

It was a system of checks and balances if you will.

I brought up a point; they refuted it. Some might call that micro-management, but I prefer to call it a sincere form of imitation.

I was called out on a cornucopia of topics ranging from my playful teen-themed backpack, my jaw-dropping medical qualifications, as well as my penchant for speaking primarily to women.

Check yo-self before you wreck yo-self.

Ouch. Uncle Jesse says, "Have mercy!"

A lesser man would spend his time squabbling with the naysayers, but I have an obligation to you readers to give the most levelheaded and mature advice I

have to offer.

In all fairness, Clair and Lauren vocalized some pretty pivotal points, regarding how we macho men should take some initiative.

That being said, I would like to speak to ya'll about a little thing I like to call, "Check yo-self before you wreck yo-self. The rules and regulations of going out." Just rattle off the tongue, right?

I have a few specifics in mind when getting ready for the monumental occasion of a first date.

1. Men must pay.

This is a no-brainer.

Any female who feels like I'm being sexist, is more than likely single or kind of a bitch. The first dinner, coffee, Baskin Robbins visit, should most certainly feature the tab being picked up by the man.

Maybe he's not rich, chances are you may even make more than him, but this is the law. I'll have to ask Dr. Docter, but I believe this is even mentioned in the Constitution.

2. Men must drive.

This may seem somewhat dated, but it is imperative that the male picks up the female. Maybe you don't have a BMW like me. However, that shouldn't stop you from being a cordial gentleman.

If all you got is a Huffy, by all means, my man, go buy some pegs and stick those suckers on the back wheel.

Ladies this will also help you get a good idea of what your guy is like in his element. Is his car a mess? Is his iPod full of Marilyn Manson or Danity Kane?

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If his musical choice happens to be the latter, get out of the vehicle immediately, even if the

It's much more than lips touching; it's like fire works on Fourth of July, or the first time you heard the Beatles.

car is moving.

3. Don't talk too much.

Ladies this one is especially for you. Men loathe women who spend the whole time talking about how many "cute tops" they got at Forever 21.

Gag me.

Make it more of an interview. Ask about family, goals and ultimately what makes them tick. The more questions you ask the better served you are to see if this is what you want in your future.

4. Be conscious.

If you two are having a drink, make it just that, a drink. Any story that starts out like, "I went out with this guy and had, like, seven amaretto sours" never ends like a fairytale.

You should always be careful when liquor is involved and I would suggest avoiding it on a first date.

The comfort rule also applies to dancing. Never get too crazy

on the dance floor on a first date.

Now, anyone who has seen me at a club knows that I am the white version of Usher, but I would never flaunt that right off the bat.

You need to gauge your date's ability and comfort level.

If she's just swaying back and forth, that should give you a good idea that dry humping is probably out of the question.

4. No kiss on first date.

Why? Because it ultimately tells the guy or girl that he or she doesn't have to work that hard.

Make it a goal.

I firmly believe that society has belittled the kiss. It's much more than lips touching; it is like fire works on the Fourth of July, or the first time you heard the Beatles. It should be a moment that you will never forget.

Most important, why on earth would you want to swap saliva with someone you hardly even know?

These are just a few policies to live by when going on that always exciting first date.

I promise that if you follow this manual you will have positive have results.

These steps will lead to the ultimate goal, which is of course the follow-up text. If you're a guy and you had a great time you will most certainly text her when you get home that night.

If you're the girl and you apply my teaching, that text message is headed your way.

In the words of George Zimmer from the Men's Warehouse, "I guarantee it."

Best,
Dr. Love
bgraham@clunet.edu

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Hannah Arendt (1906 - 1975)

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All about green



By Clair Tenney

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Think that the only way you
can help save the earth is by
hugging a tree or spending a
fortune on organic products?

If you don't want to become
a hippie or wear tie-dye T-shirts
while holding hands around a
tree singing "Kumbaya," then
designer Greg Altman may have
a solution for you.

You become aware of
what you are putting on
your body.

Greg Altman

Altman, the CEO and cre-
ative director of the successful
brand Alternative, has created
Alternative Earth, an eco-recy-
cled organic line that would
make any hippie look cool.

Probably the best thing about
Alternative Earth, aside from the
fact it not only feels great against
your skin and is also easily ver-
satile going from comfy casual

to stylish bohemian all with
one T-shirt, is that it helps other
environmental organizations.

When Altman first created the
line in July 2007, he partnered
with Wildlife Trust Organization
and has formed a relation-
ship with Gulf Restoration
Network. Part of the sales to any
Alternative Earth item will go to
these foundations.

* All of the apparel from
Alternative Earth is made from
100 percent organic cotton and
Altman has made sure that
everything and everyone in the
process is eco-friendly, from the
fields that grow the cotton to the
dyes used.

About 75 percent of the
process is done locally in Los
Angeles to control the method
of dying fabrics.

Altman even uses recycled
polyester thread to make the

garments.

Actor and musician Jason
Schwartzman has become a sup-
porter of Alternative Earth and
chose the line to make a limited
number of tees for his new band
Coconut Records.

For himself, Altman always
tries to choose an organic prod-
uct, whether it be food or clean-
ing products to a regular one.

"You become aware of what
you are putting on your body,"
he says.

The Atlanta office where
Alternative Earth is headquar-
tered uses all recycled materials
from toilet paper, to paper tow-
els, to cleaning materials.

"If you can't do it all, do a
part," Altman says. "Make a dif-
ference in what you wear."

And you don't even have to
wear tie-dye.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing this letter in
response to the article published
in the April 2 edition of *The
Echo*, concerning the increase
in student fees for the 2008-2009
academic year. First, I want to
mention that I am pleased to see
The Echo covering stories that
directly affect the student body.

Unfortunately, I am disap-
pointed that during the research
process for this article, further
investigation and proper follow-
up wasn't taken. As a result,
incorrect conclusions were drawn
and false information was com-
municated. It is my intention to
alleviate any confusion or rumors
that stemmed from the article.

As I mentioned, there are
false presuppositions made in the
article that have misled readers
and contributed to the spreading
of false information on California
Lutheran University's cam-
pus. The most deceptive, is the
implied authority of ASCLU-G
Senate to raise student fees. It is
worth noting that the Student Fee
Increase Resolution, was simply a
suggestion or recommendation
to university officials from the
ASCLU-G Senate, on behalf of
the student body.

The resolution was not a
permission letter. To imply that
CLU overstepped its authority by
increasing student fees without
Senate's supposed authority is
not only incorrect, but also illogi-
cal. The action does not indicate
that university officials turn a
deaf ear to student concerns, and

there are dozens of examples
around campus that clearly indi-
cate otherwise.

I would also like to point out
that it is insulting to the members
of the Senate who voted in favor
of the resolution to suggest that
they weren't acting in the best
interest of the students. The
resolution passed with an over-
whelming majority. Eleven of the
14 members that did vote, voted
in favor of the resolution. Each
senator has their own unique set
of constituents based on their
year in school, housing arrange-
ments, involvements, co-curricu-
lar activities, etc. and they vote
based on the constituency they
represent.

True to the nature of any
government, there will be those
groups that favor a piece of leg-
islation and those that oppose it;
the 11-3 vote reflects this state-
ment.

The only scenario where
the integrity of Senate could be
called into question for this
particular case, where there was
opposition being voiced, is if
Senate would have unanimously
voted in favor or even against the
legislation.

My final complaint focuses
on the lack of investigation done
on the Facebook group, "Should
Student Fees Be Raised?" which,
contrary to the article's claim,
I did not create. To print the
statement that everyone on the
Facebook group was opposed to
the student fee increase is a gross
generalization. There are roughly

24 comments posted for that
group. Two are from me giving
clarifying remarks, one is from a
student in support of the increase,
a handful are about Senate meet-
ings and the remaining dozen or
so are against the increase. The
membership of this group at
one point was well above 100
participants. By saying that all
those students who joined the
group were against an increase
in student fees is not only wrong,
but misleading.

Furthermore, analysis of the
comments against an increase
in student fees would show that
students are confused about the
difference between tuition and
student fees and are actually
opposed to an increase in tuition.
That is why it has been, and will
continue to be, ASCLU-G's goal
to educate students about their
student fee money and how it is
allocated.

If there is one thing I hope the
controversy surrounding student
fees does, is help more students
recognize the difference between
student fees and tuition as well as
understand how their student fees
are allocated and spent.

Thank you for taking the time
to educate yourself about the res-
olution to increase student fees.
If you have any questions regard-
ing this resolution or any Senate
project, please don't hesitate to
contact me at asclunatedir@ca
lutheran.edu.

Chase Linsley '08
ASCLU-G Senate Director

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Kingsmen to face Biola, Whittier

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Recent history is on the California Lutheran University men's tennis team's side this weekend as it will travel to face Biola University in a non-conference match on Friday at 2 p.m. and then host SCIAC opponent Whittier College on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Last year, the Kingsmen compiled a 3-0 record against these teams, winning easily each time. In a pair of matches against the Eagles last year, CLU posted 9-0 wins in both contests. In its conference match-up at Whittier last season, CLU walked away with an 8-1 victory.

The Kingsmen took on SCIAC challenger Pomona-Pitzer Colleges on Friday in an away match.

CLU was able to pull the victory in a close match 5-4. This gave the Kingsmen their fourth consecutive win and first SCIAC victory in their last four matches.

Both the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles matches were important for the Kingsmen, as they had split their last six singles matches 3-3.

The No. 1 doubles team of juniors Paul Wetterholm and Forrest Hunt were able to score an 8-4 victory over the Sageshens.

"I had high expectations that our team had improved quite a bit since last year," head coach Mike Gennette said. "Our level of performance so far is more comparable to last year even though our team is actually much better."



Photograph by Trace Ronning

Sophomore John Karsant teamed with Ryan Lassila as the No. 2 doubles team that came away with wins at Pomona on Friday and at home against Redlands on Saturday. The pair won both of its matches 8-6.

The No. 12-ranked team in the nation, the University of Redlands, traveled to challenge the Kingsmen and snapped their four-match win streak.

The Bulldogs, tied for first in the SCIAC alongside Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges, pulled off the win, 7-2.

"We are straightening some issues with our lineup right now, concerning a little bit to do with our singles at the bottom of the latter and also the doubles at the

bottom of the latter," Gennette said.

Wetterholm was the only player to pull off a win in the No. 1 singles match. In the No. 2 doubles match, Ryan Lassila and John Karsant came away with an 8-6 win to account for the first point for CLU.

"I think we just about got the doubles ironed out and the singles is still working itself a little bit," Gennette said.

The Kingsmen now see where

their competition lies and how they can attempt to surpass the expectations of the unfavorable team to win in the SCIAC championships approaching later this month.

"I don't know if we'll be able to overtake them [Claremont] this year," Gennette said. "Next year, we are definitely expecting to challenge them because we do have a young team still."

The Kingsmen now stand with an overall record of 10-9

and 4-2 in the conference and rest in third place.

"I'm a little disappointed with our overall record right now, but I know that we are a better team than last year," Gennette said.

The Kingsmen are in hopes of closing up their regular season with victories in these two remaining matches.

"Overall, I think we are ready for the end of the season to really perform at our peak," Gennette said.

CLU Athletes of the Week

For the week of March 31 - April 6

Jordan Bebbler - Women's Track & Field

The junior recorded two finishes that qualified as top-10 worthy in the CLU record book. She ran the 100-meter in 12.98 which ranks ninth all-time in women's track & field. She finished the 200-meter with a time of 26.48, the fifth best time at CLU. The pair of top-10 marks set last weekend are additions to her seventh best time in the 400-meter of 1:00.74 that she set as a freshman in 2006.

Paul Hartmann - Baseball

The sophomore led CLU offensively in three games against Redlands last weekend. The first baseman went 8-for-13 at the plate with two home runs, six RBI and five runs scored. With his pair of home runs on Saturday, Hartmann now has 10 on the year and is two away from cracking the CLU top-10 list for home runs in a season. His 10 long balls is the highest total since Christian Harriot's 12 in 2005.

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Regals face crucial week

Team faces Pomona, Redlands in important conference action

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

There is always a week that can make or break a team's season.

It can give a team new life or it could leave a team looking forward to next season, with the current one still undone.

The California Lutheran University women's softball team will take on that challenge this week as it looks to overcome Pomona-Pitzer Colleges and the University of Redlands.

"We all know how important this week is for the rest of our season," sophomore catcher Emily Robertson said. "This week of practice we will just focus on what we need to do to get the job done."

First on the list is a home double header against Pomona on Friday.

"We can't take them lightly," junior Megan Allain said. "We just can't assume we're going to win. We need to take care of this game so we can be one of the four teams in the SCIAAC tournament."

The Regals sit behind the Sagehens in the SCIAAC standings and look to gain ground with a strong outing this week.

"I don't want to say the Pomona game is going to make it or break it for us," head coach

Debby Day said. "We have plenty of games left, but we definitely need a strong showing Friday to get into the tournament at the end of the year."

Last time the two teams met in Pomona, they split the decision. The Regals won the first game in come-from-behind fashion, 12-10, as shortstop Susie Nicoll went 3-for-4 with an RBI and leadoff batter April Rosas drove in three runs.

In the second game, only the Sagehens continued the high-scoring offense, as the Regals were held in check 8-3.

This time around they will need to win both games to make up some ground in the SCIAAC.

"There is a lot that is going to happen in the next few weeks and if we just take care of business we should be in the top four," Day said.

The next day, the task does not get any easier. On Saturday, they will face Redlands, who sits atop the SCIAAC with a league record of 12-2.

When the two teams met at Hutton Field on March 1, the Regals fell in both contests with scores of 4-2 and 5-1.

They will look to turn the tables and do the same to the Bulldogs on their home field.

"They are a good team, but it is fun for us to play against them because we have nothing to lose,"



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Sophomore Susie Nicoll has compiled a .274 batting average in 26 games this season. The shortstop went 3-for-4 with an RBI in the first game against Pomona this season.

Robertson said.

In last Saturday's game, the Regals hosted No. 14 ranked Chapman University and were swept by scores of 11-6 and 14-0.

The bright spot of the day for the Regals was in the first game when Katy Bateman doubled with the bases loaded to score three runs and give the Regals a 4-1 lead.

But then, the Regals let their lead slip away, giving up a five-run third inning and a four-run fifth inning.

"It was very much a strange day," Day said.

Top ranked water polo team stays hot

Regals take four-game win streak to Occidental

By Scott Bredesen

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University women's water polo team is on a roll at the right time of the season and has won four consecutive contests.

The Regals have made CLU history by moving into the top spot in the Collegiate Water Polo Association rankings for the first time.

The team will be tested today when they compete against Occidental College in Eagle Rock.

Occidental's pool is tricky because of the shallow end and it does not allow a lot of room to operate. The size of Occidental's pool will not allow the Regals to get out on the fast break and counterattack effectively, making it necessary to succeed in their halfcourt offense.

"Our team's good outside shooting, swimming speed, and great balance on both ends of the pool will lead us to victory," head coach Craig Rond said.

On Saturday, the Regals will travel to face a Redlands team that they have never beat. Facing a talented team like Redlands should give the team great preparation with the postseason coming up.

"Redlands is a college with a lot of tradition and pride so it will be a great test for our girls," Rond said.

Last season, CLU was enjoying a six-game winning



Photograph by Scott Ohlshelm

Senior Marianne Paradowski recorded two goals, two assists and two steals in Wednesday's 11-7 victory over La Verne.

streak that was snapped by Redlands in an 11-10 overtime loss at home.

After the loss, the Regals won just one of their next four games before starting another win streak of six en route to the Collegiate III National Championship.

Redlands went on to finish second place in SCIAAC last year with a conference record of 7-2. This season, it

is 1-2 and rests in fifth place.

Rond, a San Jose State graduate and swimmer, is entering his fifth season as CLU men's and women's water polo coach. Rond was named the Division III Men's Coach of the Year in 2006.

Defense and confidence has been a key ingredient for the Regals' hot streak.

After starting the season 0-7, the Regals have improved drastically, going 9-4 since to make their record 9-11 overall and 2-0 in SCIAAC.

Senior goalkeeper Katie Windsor has been outstanding in goal for the Regals and sets the tone on defense. She is averaging 9.66 blocks per game and has tallied 168 blocks on the season. Windsor was awarded the SCIAAC Female Athlete of the Week for March 24-30.

"I'm honored for this award but victories are more important," Windsor said.

Sophomore 2-meter player Joy Cyprian is also gaining recognition this season, highlighted by a five-goal performance against Pomona-Pitzer.

"She is having a phenomenal season and has really stepped up her game from last season to now," Rond said.

After beating former No. 1 Pomona 9-3 last week, the Regals have proved they have what it takes to win the SCIAAC this season for the first time in the program's history.

"If we play with the same energy, trust, and chemistry, we will be in good shape to defend our Collegiate III National Championship," Cyprian said.

East Bay on tap for Baseball

Kingsmen welcome Pioneers for two after Redlands losses

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University baseball team will take the field Saturday against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers after two series against prominent SCIAC baseball programs.

The doubleheader at Sparky Anderson Field will begin with the opening game at 11 a.m.

The second game will be played on Saturday following the first contest and there will be no games on Friday or Sunday as originally scheduled.

CLU and the Pioneers have met for a three-game series for five consecutive seasons and the Kingsmen have compiled an 8-7 record.

Last season CLU won the three-game set, 2-1, to conclude the season.

The lone game that the Kingsmen lost was the first game of the doubleheader by one run.

The series ended in a dramatic 11-inning thriller with the Kingsmen coming away with a one-run victory.

Before playing CLU, East Bay will have played No. 1 Chapman University, who the Kingsmen lost three close games to earlier this season.

"Our next series with East Bay, who is nationally ranked [17th] will be a good experience for the youth of our team," head coach Marty Slimak said.

The Pioneers won 13 of their last 18 games going into the Chapman series. CLU comes into the East Bay series with a record of 10-16-1 overall and 4-7 in SCIAC.

Struggle with Redlands

After coming off a series win against the Occidental College Tigers, taking 2-of-3, the Kingsmen looked to keep their momentum into the series with the University of Redlands.

Costly errors and a slow start hampered CLU's effort. The opening game at Redlands was a tough one for the Kingsmen as they lost 8-5, scoring all their runs in the eighth inning.

"We made some errors that

hurt us, but we were able to finish the game off strong scoring all our runs in the latter innings," senior Trevor Davidson said.

Sophomore Paul Hartmann highlighted the first game loss with a 3-for-5 day with a double and two singles.

In game one of the doubleheader, the Kingsmen didn't come out as aggressive as they hoped and fell behind early with a couple of errors. By the seventh inning, the Bulldogs had a 11-0 lead.

The Kingsmen finally got on the scoreboard with three runs in the bottom of the ninth highlighted by a two-run home run from Vinny Lopez.

"We need to come out more aggressive in our hitting at the start of the game so that we can stay close from the get-go," Hartmann said.

The final game of the doubleheader was a nail-biter and needed extra innings to be concluded.

CLU came out strong, getting on the board early with two runs in four innings. Redlands tied the score in the fifth inning, but Hartmann nailed a three-run homer to center in the bottom of the fifth.

CLU and Redlands traded home runs, with Redlands hitting two in the sixth inning, one of which was a grand slam making the score 9-5.

Going into the top of the ninth, the Kingsmen were three outs away from salvaging a win in game three.

Redlands' Kyle Rizzo didn't let that happen and hit a three-run triple to take back the lead, 12-11, going into the bottom half of the ninth.

But it was Hartmann to the rescue again, as he launched his second home run of the day with two outs in the ninth to tie the score.

In the 10th inning, the Kingsmen made some costly errors and were unable to hold on as they fell 13-12.

"This team, no matter the score they keep playing strong," Slimak said. "There is no quit in this team."

Over the three game series,



Photographs by Kevin Baxter

Freshman Byron Minnich (above) started the early game on Saturday against Redlands and allowed eight hits in 5.2 innings. Junior Vinny Lopez (bottom left) and sophomore Paul Hartmann (bottom right) provided some highlights with home runs on Saturday.



Hartmann hit 8-for-13 with two home runs, six RBI and five runs scored.

In all three games, Slimak was forced to pull his starting pitcher in the sixth inning. Robbie Seldon lasted 5.0 innings in the first game.

Byron Minnich went 5.2 in game two and Alex Casillas lasted 5.1 in the finale.

Record watch

Hartmann smacked his ninth and 10th home runs of the season in Saturday's second game, the first for a Kingsmen since Christian Harriot's 12 in 2005.

With two more long balls, the

sophomore will be tied for eighth in the program's history for home runs in a season.

With twelve games remaining including three with 0-17 Caltech, the first baseman could make a push to establish a top-10 worthy season.

The Tucson, Ariz. native is averaging a home run per every 12.6 plate appearances. The all-time CLU record is 19, set by Darrell McMillin in 1992.

Five players are tied for second with 14.

David Iden has stolen 19 bases this season and is four away from cracking the CLU top-10 for

stolen bases in a season. Two players are tied for ninth on the list with 23. Clay Alarcon set the record with 33 in 2005.

The Thousand Oaks native has 31 career stolen bases and is tied for ninth for stolen bases in a career.

SCIAC Standings

Baseball	
Pomona-Pitzer	10-2
La Verne	8-3
Redlands	8-4
Claremont-M-S	7-5
Whittier	5-4
Cal Lutheran	4-7
Occidental	2-7
Caltech	0-12

This Week in CLU Sports

Wednesday, April 9

Women's Water Polo at Occidental, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Women's Tennis vs. Chapman, 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis at Biola, 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Pomona-Pitzer, 2 p.m. (DH)

Saturday, April 12

Men's Tennis vs. Whittier, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis at Whittier, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Water Polo at Redlands, 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. CSU East Bay, 11 a.m. (DH)

Saturday, April 12 (continued)

Softball at Redlands, 12 p.m. (DH)

Track & Field at SCIAC Multi-Duals (@UR), 4 p.m.

Monday, April 14

Golf at SCIAC No. 4 (Brookside), 12 p.m.

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Photographs by Doug Barnett

Students, seen on the left, walk together to rally for domestic and sexual abuse awareness. All-student band, As One, above, performed at the event, which is in its sixth year at CLU.

Students rally to Take Back the Night

By Rich Culp

STAFF WRITER

Students gathered last week to raise awareness about sexual and domestic violence, rallying with music, poetry and interpretive dance.

The evening began Tuesday with student Amanda Wallace singing "Listen." The sixth annual event, "Take Back the Night," was held by Feminism Is and the Wellness Committee.

"It's a rally against sexual and domestic violence," said Jennie Metzgar of Feminism Is.

A goal of awareness

"Take Back the Night," began in Belgium in 1976. It started as a protest to the violence that women were experiencing while walking at night, but now has evolved into an international rally for all people, men and women alike.

"The whole point and goal of the night was for college students to be made aware of the importance of sexual assault

and domestic violence," said Wellness Program intern Sarah Mitchell.

Todd Henneman, the keynote speaker, is from the University of Southern California's "Men CARE" program.

Men CARE stands for Men Creating Attitudes for Rape-Free Environments.

"Sexual " assault is not only a crime that hurts women, but a crime that affects everyone around her," he said. "There is a lot of ignorance out there."

Many other performances were given in addition to Henneman's speech. Spoken word, songs and interpretive dance were all a part of the Take Back the Night rally.

All performances were performed by California Lutheran University students.

Eleven tables were set up with free T-shirts and information on a variety of different groups and services.

Also included was a "speak out" table, where individuals could go to talk about anything that they wanted.

"It incorporates music, fun and free stuff all while promoting awareness," senior Lauren Norte said.

Henneman said that volunteering and speaking up are probably some of the most important ways of getting involved.

"Everyone can be involved," Henneman said, "Look into volunteering, speak up about sexist and racist jokes and make it personal."

He discussed different forms of sexual assault and told different stories of the various types of assault.

"We all feel more comfortable talking about the bad guys out there, creeping around. Chances are sexual assaults on campus aren't by the strangers jumping out from behind the bushes,"

Henneman said.

College students are in the age group that is most likely to be the victim of sexual assault.

An eye-opening experience

"It really opens your eyes," junior Kelly Balch said. "It had a very deep impact on me and my friends."

With powerful music, speakers and performers the Wellness Committee and Feminism Is raised awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence.

"Not only was it a fun event to attend, but it was something you can walk away from with very valuable information," senior Kyle Ballard said.

"Take Back the Night" occurs all across the country and all over the world to raise awareness about sexual abuse and domestic violence.

"Most forms of abuse happen at night, and tonight is about making the statement that we won't allow it on our campus," Metzgar said.



Todd Henneman

Athletic training will not seek accreditation

With the decision to not accredit, freshman athletic training majors face a difficult decision

By Matt Malasei

NEWS EDITOR

When Dr. Michelle LeBlanc spoke to the freshmen athletic training majors, she knew many of them would not be happy with what she was about to tell them.

Due to new regulations by the National Athletic Trainer's Association over what is required for majors to be accredited, California Lutheran University has decided to forgo accreditation.

LeBlanc is the Nena Amundson professor of biomechanics chair in the exercise science department.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Megan Allain, left, in the athletic training department works on senior Nick Davy. The athletic training major will not be accredited, which will affect only freshmen in the program.

What this means for freshmen in the athletic training program is either they will have to go to graduate school and get a Master's degree or transfer to another school that will be

accredited.

Those already in the program as sophomores or higher will be able to graduate with a degree because the program will still be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

"This is better than losing the accreditation when students are juniors," LeBlanc said, "Knowing the field is going to Master's programs, what we can do is get them prepared for the Master's level."

She feels CLU is ahead of the curve by directing students to a Master's program.

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WEDNESDAY April 16	THURSDAY April 17	FRIDAY April 18	SATURDAY April 12
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SUNDAY April 20	MONDAY April 21	TUESDAY April 22	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
Mainstage 2: Maids of Honor 2 p.m. Little Theatre Postmodern L.A. 2 p.m. Samuelson Chapel Sunset potluck worship 6:45 p.m. at the Cross KCLU presents Scott Simon 8 p.m. Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza	Corporate Leader's Breakfast with NPR's Scott Simon 7:30 a.m. Lundring Events Center Stress Reduction and Relaxation Group 11 a.m. Samuelson Chapel	"The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face." -Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey	Senior Art Show starts April 26 in the Kwan Fong Gallery

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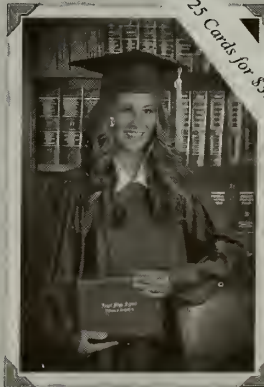
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Spring Formal gives students a night of masks and music

Masquerade on the Sea allows students to celebrate the end of the year in Long Beach

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

A night of masks and music was the scene for California Lutheran University's annual Spring Formal.

The dance took place Saturday night in Long Beach.

The event, which had a theme of Masquerade on the Sea, was held on the boat Endless Dreams, where a sold-out crowd of 460 CLU students and their dates danced and partied the night away while afloat on the calm waters of the harbor.

"The boat was awesome," said Spring Formal Committee chair Robert Duff. "It had three decks: a main dining deck, a second deck which had a few more tables and the dance floor and a top deck where people could get some air and look out at the sea."

Although marketing for the event was more difficult than usual, the hard work of the Spring Formal Committee paid off.

"We made our goal to sell out. This means we had to market extra hard and spread the word, but I had confidence



Photograph provided by Amy Vogt, inset photograph provided by Carrie Kelley

460 CLU students attended Spring Formal Saturday night on the boat Endless Dreams. (inset, left to right) Jocelyn Bourgault, Carrie Kelley and Casey Kloehn pose for a picture.

that we could pull it off and we did," Duff said. "We carefully planned so that after ticket sales we would break even so that we would not be charging the students more than we need to."

The dance received a lot of good feedback from students.

"So far I have only gotten positive responses. Many people

came up to me during and after the event to say how much fun they were having," Duff said.

The off-land location and the masquerade theme were a big hit among most of the students.

"The boat idea seemed like a really good idea. I think people liked it compared to a traditional dance on land," junior Carrie

Kelley said.

"The Masquerade theme was also successful because it was something different that we could incorporate into the decorations as well as let people participate in."

"It was a beautiful night and being outside on the water made it even more of a special night,"

junior Justin Bogoyevac said.

However, there were some negative reactions to the boat.

"I didn't particularly like it being on the boat. I didn't like that you had to be there at a certain time and leave at a certain time. I noticed that people were getting tired before the boat docked at the end of the night," said CLU alumnus Gabe Ward.

With one month left in the school year, Spring Formal is a good way to start winding down and catching up with friends.

"I definitely think that Spring Formal is a good way to start winding the school year down. I saw some people I haven't seen in a while and it was good to see them before everyone graduates or goes home for the summer," Bogoyevac said.

All in all the night was a success among students and coordinators.

"It was very successful, everything worked out just as planned. There were only about three people that did not show up and we have gotten tons of positive feedback about the night," Duff said. "This was the biggest Spring Formal in recent CLU history, if not ever."

CLU ensembles perform music of Leroy Anderson

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

The California Lutheran University music department presented "Blue Tango," a Leroy Anderson centennial concert directed by Dr. Daniel Geeting on Friday in the Samuelson Chapel.

The concert featured the University Wind Ensemble, the CLU Jazz Improvisation Ensemble and trumpet soloist Elmer Ramsey.

The ensembles performed the music of the late Dr. Leroy Anderson.

Many may not know him by name, but some may know Anderson by his music.

During the concert, there was a video with excerpts about Anderson, his life and his music.

As an icon in popular culture, he was the composer of works including "Sleigh Ride," "The Syncopated Clock" and "Blue Tango."

Anderson's works have been employed as themes in television and radio.

In the 1950s, "The Late Show" chose "The Syncopated Clock" as the theme song for the show.

Anderson died in 1975 from cancer. Leroy Anderson's cen-

tennial year is 2008, more than 50 years after Anderson wrote his compositions.

His music, in the words of John Williams, composer and laureate conductor of the Boston Pops, "remains as young and fresh as the very day on which it was composed."

"For me as a French Horn player, Leroy Anderson's music is not one of my favorites to play; however, he truly is 'a master of the short work,' as spoken by one of his critics," Jenna Perry said.

The wind ensemble performed various works such as "Belle of the Ball," "Blue Tango," "The Typewriter," "A Trumpeter's Lullaby" and "Fiddle-Fiddle."

After intermission, the Jazz Improvisation Ensemble performed "Well you Needn't," "Pensativa," "Georgia on My Mind" and "Afro Blue."

"I loved the last set of songs that was done, especially 'The Typewriter.' The wind ensemble did a great job at making that piece come to life," said audience member Melissa Buckley.

The concerts that are put on by the University Ensembles are free for the public and a gift to the community.

Donations in support of the arts are what makes CLU able to



Photograph by Rob LeBaron

Dr. Daniel Geeting directs the University Wind Ensemble in the Samuelson Chapel on Friday night. The ensemble performed music of the late Leroy Anderson.

put on such events.

"I think that many people today get so caught up in what is most visually stimulating," Perry said.

"Many people have trouble just sitting through a concert and allowing the music to truly let our senses be enriched through the sound of the music."

The Samuelson Chapel will be holding various other events coming up.

The 6th annual New Music Concert will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. On April 27 at 2 p.m., there will be Junior Recitals with Hayley Woldseth and Tiara Wentworth.

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Above: The Improv Troupe warms up backstage before the show.

Right: Members of the Improv Troupe go over the program with Lisa Fredrickson (left), who hosts the show.



Improvise!

Troupe brings in laughs on Thursday nights

Photos and story by Doug Barnett

PHOTO EDITOR

Laughter filled the air Thursday night as students gathered in the pavilion to watch the CLU Improv Troupe perform. The bimonthly show has seen a noticeable boost in attendance since the beginning of the semester.

"I have definitely seen an increase in attendance this year from the last two years I have been doing improv," senior Josh Bandy said.

What makes the humor of improv such a success?

"In class we study the aspects of the science of improv, dealing with things such as character development and the plot," he said. "That's what makes guys like Wayne Brady so good at what they do. They get the science down to an art."

The program consists of a variety of improvisational skits that utilize and encourage audience participation. Lisa Fredrickson, who teaches the improv class Tuesday nights, hosts the Thursday night shows at 11 p.m.

The troupe consists of seniors Josh Bandy, Travis Becker, Dan Perkins, Anna Potter, junior Chelsea Brown, sophomores T.J. Alvarado and Ryan Capriccio and freshman Skyler Butenshon.



T.J. Alvarado (left) and Josh Bandy perform at the Improv Show.



Students laugh while watching Thursday night's Improv Show.

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'21' tells true story of MIT student's attempt to cheat Las Vegas casinos

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

Two plastic cards can change your life forever, whether they bring you riches or they bring you suffering.

The movie "21" is the true story of six Massachusetts Institute of Technology students who played blackjack as a team and took millions from Las Vegas casinos.

Jim Sturgess, played by Ben Campbell ("Across the Universe"), is a shy student, trying to find a way to pay for Harvard Medical School.

It is not until one day in his statistics class, when he questions the theory that is being discussed, that he is given the break in life that he needed.

The break that he gets is from his professor, Micky Rosa, played by Kevin Spacey. It's a chance to do simple math and turn the odds of blackjack in their favor.

"21" is directed by Robert Luketic, who utilizes Spacey's acting talents to bring out the talents in the rising stars that

are featured along side of him.

The screenplay is an adaptation and a rewrite. The source material for the adaptation is from the book "Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six MIT Students Who Took Vegas for Millions."

Having not read the book beforehand, it is hard to see what was added in the rewrite and what material was taken straight from the book.

"21" drags at times with its slow dialogue and boring character development, but when it comes down to it, the movie takes a hold of you once they hit the casino floor.

The team of six consist of the genius coach, Rosa; the spotters, who play the table to see if it is hot (Kate Bosworth, Liza Lapira, Aaron Yoo); and the big players, who come to the table after being signaled the table is hot (Sturgess and Jacob Pitts as Jimmy Fisher).

Lawrence Fishburne plays the eyes in the sky as Cole Williams. He sees everything as the casinos security special-

ist. Fishburne has a unique role in this film, where he plays both a menacing enforcer and a shrewd business partner.

When you're winning and winning easy, it is impossible to stay away, and that is what happens to Sturgess.

The gambling and winnings take hold of him and he loses focus on why he started counting cards in the first place: to raise \$300,000 to pay for Harvard Medical School.

It's an overall successful film with edgy card playing that captures the true gifts of these MIT geniuses.

As you watch, you see the young actor's characters develop into stars alongside Spacey, which makes for a climatic ending which includes a twist that is done well by the director.

At the end of the movie, a song is played that best resembles the idea of why Sturgess did what he did: "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you'll get what you need."

Scandinavian Festival comes this weekend

35th annual event to take place Saturday and Sunday in Kingsmen Park

By Krystle Maiaras

STAFF WRITER

Students and visitors of all ages are welcomed to soak up the history and culture Scandinavia has to offer this weekend at the 35th annual Scandinavian Festival.

On Saturday and Sunday, California Lutheran University will be transformed into a Nordic playground highlighting the cultures of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The festival will also pay homage to the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

"The festival has something for all ages," said Eric Berg, chair of the Scandinavian Festival Committee.

"There will be folk dancing, musical performances, activities for children, friendly Vikings, Maypole dancing, a labyrinth, a soccer skills course for children, vintage Volvo cars and vintage Nimbus motorcycles."

The charitable organizations at the Nobel Prize Court will be Amnesty International, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, One Campaign and U.S.A. Jubilee.

"During the Scandinavian Festival, some exhibitors and presenters will give special attention to their connection with Habitat for Humanity," said Richard Longgren, director of the Scandinavian Center at CLU.

Making a reappearance this year is the labyrinth, a replica of the ones created by Norwegian fishermen to confuse and trap evil spirits promot-



Photograph by Doug Barnett

The Scandinavian Festival will take place in Kingsmen Park on Saturday and Sunday.

ing a safe journey.

"While you're walking the path you feel the wind and hear the trees moving, the water in the creek running," said Michael Pearce, art department chair. "It's very peaceful, great for a meditation walk through the labyrinth."

Vintage Volvo cars and Nimbus motorcycles will be on display outside of Pederson and Thompson Halls.

Additional seating will be available, creating a more leisurely atmosphere for visitors to enjoy the array of Nordic and Baltic delicacies such as Swedish meatballs, evjeskivers, Swedish pancakes, Lefse, Danish pastries and Norwegian cookies.

Usual carnival treats will also be available such as kettle corn and shaved ice.

A special Nordic church service officiated by pastors from Scandinavian countries will be held on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Samuelson Chapel.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 18 and free for CLU students and children under 6.

Campus Quotes

What TV show are you most looking forward to?



Sam Lovetro, 2011

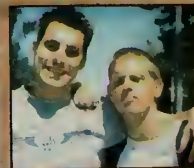
"None really, but I'd have to say Family Guy."

Dora Cardona, 2010



"Pushing Daisies! It's my new favorite show."

Andy Meier and Kyle Knudsen, 2008, 2010



"Lost!"

Kelsey Licastro, 2011



"House. House better come back."

Grace Whang, 2011

"Grey's Anatomy."



Laura Bailey, 2008



"The Office."

Love advice

Words are what matter most



By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

This past weekend was the school's Spring Formal.

The masquerade themed dance took place on an enchanting cruise ship that floated us around the seas of Long Beach.

I have to be honest with you; I had a blast.

Hats off to the organizers for the tremendous evening.

The boat didn't sink, the DJ played relevant music, except for

Mambo No. 5, and the pasta was, well, Italian.

May I also point out, that I forgot how beautiful the girls of California Lutheran University are.

While doing the Soulja Boy dance, I looked around and saw a plethora of gorgeous young ladies. Each one of you was dazzling in your gowns.

Way to go Regals.

I was planning on writing on a totally different topic than the one you're about to read.

I would like to present you with the conversation that produced this change.

Saturday night at the formal I had just walked off the crowded dance floor.

Standing outside on the back of the boat I felt a tap on my shoulder...

Guy: Hey, you're the love doctor, right?

Me: Honestly, I am.

Guy: Yeah, I thought I recognized you. Got a question for you. The...

Me: Sorry, I don't mean to interrupt, but do you think I look

like my photo in the newspaper?

Guy: (laughs) I mean this in a total hetero way, you are much better looking in real life.

Me: I totally agree. What's up?

Guy: The girl I brought has totally ditched me.

We're not officially an item, but every time I try to get close to her she backs off. She just starts dancing with some other guy.

I thought she really liked me and tonight was going to be the next step for us. I even bought her ticket for tonight.

Me: (long pause)

Here in lies the problem in a nutshell...

First things first, I love any time I can ever use the term "nutshell." It's just a marvelous word.

I felt terrible for the guy, because I could almost feel the torture he was going through. Almost.

What I told him and what I'm attempting to write to all of you is simple; communication is key. I don't mean talking. I mean explaining and describing.

Pour out those feelings, bro. Make sure there is no gray when it comes to the feelings department.

This girl obviously knew he was into her. And it's safe to assume she was dropping hints toward the same.

If you really like someone let him or her know.

Turbulence is life force. It is opportunity. Let's love turbulence and use it for change.

Ramsay Clark (1927 -)



But when it was an official date setting around peers, she chose this perplexing rebellion behavior.

And guess what? She really wasn't in the wrong.

If you do not define the relationship, then make sure to grab a helmet, because you are sliding down a slippery slope. On a toboggan. With no breaks.

I'm sick of guys being noncommittal and girls being too coy with their perspective men.

She was ignoring him for one of two reasons:

1. She really did not want to be in a relationship with him and thought that this would give him the hint.

2. She really does like him and hopes that by making him jealous, he will be forced to bring up the issue, therein defining their relationship.

If you really like someone, let him or her know.

That is, if the relationship permits. There's nothing worse than a friend throwing the "I think about you romantically bomb" on another friend without the right signs.

Talk about a land mine.

I have a buddy I work with who did that about four times last year to different friends. He's not quite yet in remission.

I believe all too often people suffer because they do not fully open up about what they want.

If I like a girl, she'll know. Unless I like a girl, but then another girl comes along and I like her too. Then I keep it all inside.

I'm kidding.

Women, I must admit that you are very good at recognizing what you want. I must also confess that you are very good at verbalizing it.

Men, on the other hand, sit on the fence for far too long. The reason being that when we do just jump right into a relationship, we figure out lightning quick that it may not have been the wisest choice.

I'm sick of guys being noncommittal and girls being too coy with their prospective men.

Let's get on the same page folks.

If you're in that wretched middle world with someone, make an attempt to get out of it.

Sounds cliché, but seriously what's the worst that could happen?

Say she says no and she just doesn't want that. You can officially move on.

It is imperative to be sensitive and not try to scam on her roommate, even if she is incredibly hot.

Make sure there is no gray area when it comes to the feelings department.

Don't be a scumbag.

And what if she says yes? My goodness, it will taste like a Frosty from Wendy's, won't it?

Call it a calculated risk. Your move is now.

You make me smile,

Dr. Love,
bgrham@clunet.edu

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Arthur Blank (1906 - 1975)

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Outcry over games

Olympic torch brings protestors to California



By Marissa Payne

COLUMNIST

Political protests are nothing new to the Olympic Games, however this year international demonstrations against the Olympic torch are unprecedented.

I thought the whole idea of the Olympic Games was to bring the world together in peace and friendship.

However it is hard to ignore that the hosting country, China, has received international criti-

cism on its policies on Tibet and Darfur.

The torch for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing brings out more protestors than it causes feelings of world peace and unity. It is sad that protestors are taking the Olympics, something that should focus on the positive, and turning it into an international negative.

The people involved in these protests are just riding the coat tails of the Olympic torch trail, and if China's behavior really outraged them, why did they wait until now to stage full scale protests?

This last week the Olympic torch arrived in San Francisco to a large crowd of protestors. This caused San Francisco law enforcement to change the route of the torch at the last minute in order to avoid conflict. Demonstrators even climbed the Golden Gate Bridge suspension cables and hung a giant "Free Tibet" sign. Olympics or not, illegally hanging a giant "Free Tibet" sign on one of the most well-known bridges in the world

will catch the media's attention. Before San Francisco, the torch met conflict in London and Paris, where many were arrested for attempting to tamper with and extinguishing the torch.

Everyone has the right to protest as long as others do not cause harm.

How absurd. The torch does not only represent China, the torch represents an idea that we are all connected. It gives the hope that for a small time every four years, everyone can put their views aside and come together in peace.

We live in a country where freedom of speech is an important part of our society. Everyone has the right to protest as long as he or she do not cause harm to others. But it is worth considering that the Olympic torch means much more than a public relations ploy by China to enhance its image abroad.

Although the original Olympic torch relay was done under the

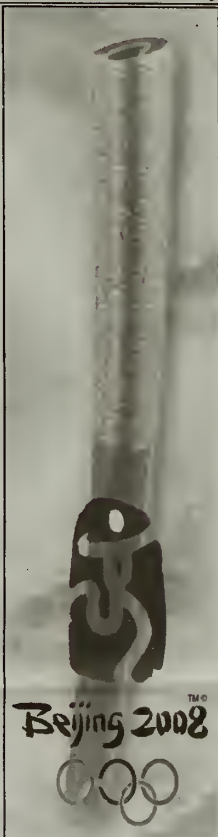
dark cloud of the 1936 Olympic Games in Nazi Germany, it is important to remember what it has evolved into and where that idea came from.

The idea of the relay is from ancient Greek tradition. The altar of Zeus was at Olympia, the home of the Greek Olympic Games. At the altar a flame burned and the Greek city-state of Athens hosted torch-relay races.

Now, we view the Olympic torch relay as a journey of harmony and peace, as it travels to the many countries that will soon unite in friendly world competition. It is a shame that this year's relay is shrouded in protests and negativity.

We may not see the Olympic torch back in California for a long time. Although San Francisco has a bid for the 2012 Olympic Games, I think the potentially violent behavior that was evoked by protestors will definitely discourage the International Olympic Committee from allowing the games to take part there.

As a native Californian, that would be a huge disappointment.



Lutheranism is lost at CLU

Tradition of ethics and morals is not found in all students

By Brittney Danielle Kennett

STAFF WRITER

During the three years I have had the pleasure of attending our dear California Lutheran University I have noticed a couple things about its very nature, or lack thereof.

These things, or actually just the many results of one large overriding problem, have turned the university into a combination of a disengaged monastery and the most horrible D-I school in the nation. In fact, CLU seems to achieve the dichotomy of both these institutions in a perfect, fence-riding harmony.

In attending some CLU "parties" (otherwise known as the same group of people drinking until they hook up with someone or before the cops show up at 11 p.m.), walking along Memorial Parkway on my way to class, or by simply applying a well-developed skill in perception, I have noticed that half of this school is

made up of athletes. Not just any athletes, however.

Athletes that want to go to a school that is wet, featuring a number of weekly theme-party options and local bars that aren't filled with 40-year-old divorcees and/or 45-year-old cougars.

On the other hand, a very large group of Christian people attends CLU that would appreciate it if their university accepted people that knew what being Christian meant.

While a liberal perspective is often beneficial inside the classroom in order to spark an intellectual debate, for those who live a Christ-centered life, 50 loud football players (no offense) down the hall smoking weed and blasting "\$%#^ the Police" isn't the ideal living situation, or what they expected from a university that has "Lutheran" roots.

How has this happened to CLU? The people at the top of the totem pole have achieved this simply by forgetting what being Lutheran means.

It means being Christian and it seems to me that this university needs either to choose to become entirely independent of its Lutheran middle name and Christian connotation or choose to fully embrace its religious background.

I hope you are taking notes, Dr. Chris Kimball, for the student body's sake.

It is my observation that neither type of student is truly being served by CLU in regard to student life because CLU likes to maintain a happy medium so everyone can feel at home.

Good of CLU just can't seem to cross the line in identifying themselves as a truly Christian school.

By maintaining its life in libertarian land, the university is definitely not helping parties who want to "live up" their college years or attending to the expectations of those who love Jesus and desire to go to a school that supports his or her decision to actively seek Him daily.

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Regals prep for critical contests

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

With four crucial conference games on the slate for this weekend, the California Lutheran University softball team will have a chance to help propel themselves into the top four in the SCIAC and qualify for the conference tournament.

On Friday the Regals will host SCIAC opponent Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges in a doubleheader for the second time this season beginning at 2 p.m.

The Regals will also face another SCIAC challenger at home, the University of La Verne, in back-to-back games on Saturday at noon.

In March, the Regals split a doubleheader at Claremont and then were swept in a twin bill at La Verne.

The Regals went up against Pomona-Pitzer Colleges this past Saturday at Hutton Field.

The Sagehens, who split wins last time they faced the Regals, were not able to accomplish that this time. The Regals came up with the 8-7 win in the first game and 2-1 victory in the second.

"We've been working on strategies they [Pomona-Pitzer] have been pulling on us," Campbell said. "We read plays from them."

The Regals scored eight runs in one inning to give them the lead and then the victory.

Sophomore pitcher Lizzy Chacon had an impressive day as she notched four strikeouts



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Sophomore Emily Robertson hit her team leading eighth home run of the season against Redlands on Saturday. She has a .352 batting average along with 28 RBI after 32 games.

and only allowed two hits in the second game after she matched her career high with a total of 10 strikeouts in the first contest.

At least 10 players on the CLU team finished with one base hit,

"They were amazing games, in the second game we were losing 7-0 and we came out and scored eight runs in one inning

and we had nine hits in one inning, and that's just unheard of in college ball," head coach Debby Day said. "It just shows you how talented we are up and down the line-up."

The Regals traveled to face the University of Redlands, the SCIAC leader, on Saturday.

The Bulldogs took both wins as the Regals had their four-game

conference win streak snapped.

Redlands, the No. 7 ranked team in the NCAA Division III, was able to add two more wins to its overall record.

The first game ended with a score of 4-3 and 9-3 was the result in the second. Sophomore catcher Emily Robertson hit a home run, making it her eighth long ball of the season.

"We have so many good things going for us but I think our players need to believe we have so many good things going for us," Day said.

During the second game, the Regals began with a 2-0 lead, but the Bulldogs came to bat during the bottom of the first inning and scored three runs and took the lead away. The Bulldogs scored two more in the second inning making it a 5-2 game.

"We are a very strong, well-rounded team," Day said. "We have a lot of people who come through for us."

The Regals now stand with an overall record of 16-16 overall and 8-10 in the SCIAC.

"I expect our team to go out and play its best," Day said. "That's what we go out every time trying to do. The best we can and know that we did everything we could to try to win those games."

With six regular season games remaining, all at home, the Regals find in fifth place and tied with La Verne.

"We just need to take care of our own business and not worry about what everybody else is doing," Day said.

As the top four teams in the SCIAC will qualify for the first-ever conference tournament, CLU is looking to just extend its season and finish as part of the qualifying foursome.

"I feel like we are having strong practices and I feel like we are going to kick some butt," junior Nikki Campbell said.

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Athletes of the Week

For the week of April 7 - April 13

Lizzy Chacon - Softball

The sophomore pitcher became the first pitcher in CLU history to record more than 100 strikeouts in a single season during a 2-1 victory over Pomona-Pitzer. She equaled a career high with 10 strikeouts in the contest. She came on in relief to toss 3.2 shut-out innings and scattered two hits in an 8-7 win over the Sagehens. Against Redlands she tossed her 14th complete game of the season and went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

Ryan Lassila - Men's Tennis

The sophomore went a perfect 4-0 over the weekend as CLU picked up two 9-0 victories over Biola and Whittier. Against Biola he earned a super tiebreak victory in the No. 1 spot and teamed up in the No. 2 doubles for an 8-2 victory. In CLU's final conference match of the season he won at the No. 2 doubles again with teammate John Karsant. He also cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 victory in the No. 2 singles match.

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Caltech series welcomed

Kingsmen happy to see three-game set with Beavers ahead after five straight losses

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

An upcoming series against Caltech could be just what the California Lutheran University baseball team needs to jumpstart its final push to close out the season.

CLU will begin a three-game series with Caltech beginning on Friday, with the first game being held in Pasadena at 3 p.m.

The final two games will be played as a doubleheader at Sparky Anderson Field, with the first game slated to begin at 11 a.m. and the final game starting at 2 p.m.

Caltech comes into the series with a record of 0-20 overall and 0-15 in SCIAAC, while CLU holds a record of 10-18-1, 4-7.

CLU has an all-time record of 36-0 against Caltech and has outscored the Beavers 721-59 in those games.

Last season, the Kingsmen swept the series by scoring 61 runs and allowing only one run. Each game of the three-game series went only seven innings.

In the opening game of the series at Caltech, CLU came away with a 31-1 victory that featured a grand slam by David Iden.

Landon Smith went 6-for-9 in the three-game set with Caltech last season. He scored five times and tallied six RBI.

"Hopefully the series with Caltech will help our team get back into a groove with our hitting and pitching to finish off the season on a winning note," senior Trevor Davidson said.



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Senior Alex Massari provided a bright spot during CLU's pair of losses to East Bay as he reached base safely four times with a single and three bases on balls. He has now walked 13 times, the second highest on the team.

Swept by East Bay

CLU played a doubleheader against nationally-ranked Cal State East Bay on Saturday.

The series was slated for three games, but changes were made to make it a two-game series.

Coming into the series, the Pioneers had won 13 of their last 21 games and compiled a record of 17-11, while CLU had won two of its last seven games.

The Kingsmen were swept by the Pioneers. Both losses were due to late rallies by East Bay, with scores of 5-2 and 13-5, respectively.

True to the CLU season this year, the Kingsmen have held the lead in the latter innings but have been unable to close out the games.

The Kingsmen held two-run leads in both games of the doubleheader, but the bullpen wasn't able to contain either of the late charges by the Pioneers.

"Our youth experience plays a

role in closing out the games, it's also our bullpen. We lost a great closer last year," junior Pete Schmitt said. "Good teams hold leads and put up zeros after your team scores, we struggle at times doing both of these things."

In the first game, freshman starting pitcher Byron Minnich gave up only one hit through the first four innings.

With Minnich holding the Pioneers bats in check, the Kingsmen offense was able to capitalize on the East Bay errors and took a 2-0 lead into the top of the fourth.

But the Kingsmen bats went cold, producing three hits during the final six innings.

The Pioneers were able to compile eight of their 12 hits over the final three innings after Minnich was pulled with a 2-1 lead. East Bay's pitcher Matt Vieira threw eight innings while giving up only two runs and striking out six CLU batters.

Hector Sanchez was the only

CLU batter with two hits as he picked up a pair of singles and stole a base.

In the second game, CLU's Alex Casillas allowed ten hits and three runs over six innings of work.

East Bay pitcher Kyle Dunn had a dominant showing as he allowed two hits and gave up one run in his six innings.

The Kingsmen were able to tally 12 walks, with four of those walks turning into runs, and took a 5-3 lead into the seventh inning. Iden, Paul Hartmann and Richard Michelin each walked twice.

The bullpen had a chance to close the door on the Pioneers in the final two innings, but the East Bay rally was too strong. CLU surrendered 10 runs during the final two innings. CLU used seven pitchers, including four in the final inning but could not hold the Pioneers down.

A highlight for CLU was senior catcher Alex Massari reaching base safely four times.

"We are going to treat every series the same, change nothing in our preparation," head coach Marty Slimak said. "Our series with Caltech is another chance for three victories in conference."

Slimak nears 400

Entering the Caltech series, Slimak sits at 398 career victories and with a pair of wins will capture his 400th career victory at CLU.

He already ranks first in CLU baseball history for wins, sitting above Rich Hill's 193. Slimak replaced Hill when he took the head coaching job at CLU in 1994.

Slimak's 398 victories are the most at CLU by any coach in any sport.

Since taking over in 1994, Slimak has led the Kingsmen to seven conference championships, eight NCAA West Regional appearances and three NCAA World Series appearances.

SCIAAC Standings

Baseball	
Redlands	4-0
Claremont-M-S	4-0
Cal Lutheran	3-1
Occidental	2-2
La Verne	2-2
Pomona-Pitzer	1-3
Whittier	0-4
Caltech	0-4

CLU Leaders

Batting Avg.	
Paul Hartmann	.358
David Iden	.307
Hector Sanchez	.305
Vinny Lopez	.298
Trevor Davidson	.284
Nick Pinneri	.284
Runs Batted In	
Paul Hartmann	26
David Iden	18
Vinny Lopez	15
Trevor Davidson	13
Nick Pinneri	12
Hector Sanchez	11
Landon Smith	11



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Sophomore Meredith Butte scored five goals in the Regals win over Occidental and then tallied two including the game winner in a 6-5 overtime victory at Redlands.

First place battle

By Scott Bredezen

STAFF WRITER

In a game that could decide the 2008 SCIAC champion, the California Lutheran University's women's water polo team will host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges today at 5 p.m.

The two teams are tied atop the SCIAC with 4-0 records in conference and have both won seven of their last 10 games.

They have allowed the fewest goals among any other conference team with 26 by CLU and 21 by CMS.

On Saturday, the team will face the Whittier Poets at 11 a.m. at home for another conference match up.

The two games that are coming up for the Regals are important to stay in front of the conference and the NCAA Division III poll.

If they keep executing on both sides of the ball and keep up their outstanding defense, then the CLU women's water polo team will be in a great position to take a SCIAC championship.

"We will prepare for CMS and

Whittier with the same philosophy we have had all of SCIAC, which is taking each game one quarter at a time and to put a lot of effort into team defense," head coach Craig Rond said.

The Regals claimed their third straight SCIAC victory by defeating the No. 6 nationally ranked Occidental College. In the heart of their conference play they earned a crucial 13-11 road win over the Tigers.

The victory marks the third consecutive win over nationally ranked opponents and put the Regals into a tie for first place in SCIAC with the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Senior goalkeeper Katie Windsor tallied 10 saves during the victory over Occidental College.

"If we keep up our great defense we are going to be very hard to beat," Windsor said.

Meredith Butte came up huge in the game and scored a staggering five goals to lead the Regals offensive attack against the Tigers.

"The game versus Occidental was high scoring but throughout

we really controlled the tempo and came up with a big SCIAC win," Butte said.

The Regals then followed a great performance by beating the No. 8 ranked team in NCAA Division III, the University of Redlands on Saturday in overtime 6-5.

The game was tied 5-5 going into overtime, a pair of three-minute periods, and the Regals really took it upon themselves and played outstanding defense which was the difference in the game.

Butte, who had struggled with a head injury earlier in the season has overcome her injury and scored the go-ahead goal for the Regals in the first segment of overtime, the deciding factor in the 6-5 victory.

Windsor, who had 11 saves, and the CLU defense held the Bulldogs to just two scores in the final 30 minutes of play after trailing 4-2 at halftime.

"Our defense was outstanding from the third quarter on, and including overtime which was really the key for our victory," Butte said.

Track and field prepares for SCIAC finale

Kingsmen and Regals will take part in conference prelims and finals this weekend

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

With the majority of its season under its belt, the California Lutheran University track and field team looks to give a strong performance at the SCIAC preliminaries and championships and possibly ready themselves for nationals.

On Friday, the Kingsmen and Regals will travel to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges to participate in the prelims that start at 3:45 p.m. and then conclude with the finals the next day.

"I really feel that our women's team has a very strong chance at winning SCIAC if we can pull through at championships" senior Casey Anderson said. "We need to have the same kind of tenacity as we did in the 4x100 at Redlands and we should do really well."

The men look to make a strong case for themselves as well.

"I think the men would be able to surprise some people," throwing coach Lucas MacKay said. "If all the chips fall into place, we should do really well and upset some people."

Going into this weekend, CLU looks to fly under the radar before making a run at SCIAC front-runners like Redlands and Claremont.

"I'm excited about this week coming up," Anderson said. "We definitely have the athletes and the competitiveness to make a run at this thing."

This past weekend, the Kingsmen and Regals traveled to Redlands to compete in the multi-duals.

Both the men and women each finished in third.

"The most important fact that we were third in this meet, it keeps us in contention so we can finish first, second or third in SCIAC," head coach Scott Fickerson said.

Anderson stood out for the women competing in six events.

She won the high jump with a personal best of 1.60 meters and the 100-meter hurdles with another personal best of 15.38.

The women's team was led to a 4x100 meter relay first place finish and broke an 18-year old school record with a time of 49.25.

The team consisted of Brett Comejo, Kara Komarcec, Precious Wheat and Jordan Bebbler.

Christa Youngem contributed heavily to the Regals third place finish as she earned 99 points after three runner-up finishes in the hammer throw, shot put and discus.

Molly Clancy beat the school record she had set previously in the season with a 3.40 mark in the pole vault on route to a second place finish.

For the men, Louis Montano, Jared Nelson, Scott Beebe and Deshon Innis won the 4x100 relay, and are very close to qualifying for nationals.

"We were just flying around the track like it was nothing," Innis said. "They just couldn't catch us."

Kyle Hansen won the 110-meter hurdles, the 400-meter hurdles and the long jump and was the top Kingsmen scorer with 111 points.

Hansen posted a 110-meter hurdle time of 15.48, 400-meter hurdle time of 55.13 and long jump mark of 6.84 meters.

Scott Jones put in a strong performance for the Kingsmen competing in five events.

"The hard work is done," Fickerson said. "That's the nice part about this time of season. In terms of physical work we just need to fine tune some technical aspects and overall just be prepared for the meets coming up."

This will be the last time for some of the members of the track and field team to suit up for CLU, but others who have hit their provisional mark will get to compete at nationals.

"Right now a majority of the season will be done after this meet," Fickerson said. "Only those who have qualified for nationals will continue after this week and those who have hit the NCAA provisional mark, which are as of now Casey [Anderson] and Kyle [Hansen]."

This Week in CLU Sports

Wednesday, April 16

Women's Water Polo vs. Claremont-M-S, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Women's Tennis at SCIAC Champs., TBA

Men's Tennis at SCIAC Champs., TBA

Softball vs. Claremont-M-S, 2 p.m. (DH)

Baseball at Caltech, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Women's Tennis at SCIAC Champs., TBA

Men's Tennis at SCIAC Champs., TBA

Women's Water Polo vs. Whittier, 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. Caltech, 11 a.m. (DH)

Softball vs. La Verne, noon (DH)

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Annual festival honors school's roots

By Rich Culp
STAFF WRITER

The sounds and smells of Nordic food and music were just two of the ways the Scandinavian Festival honored the heritage and culture of the school's founders.

The Scandinavian Festival was held last weekend and also featured dancing and crafts. Admission was free to California Lutheran University students and prices for non-students were \$3 to \$5.

It has been held annually since 1973.

The festival began with the opening parade of flag bearers and was followed by the national anthems of Nordic countries.

The Scandinavian Festival started as a way to honor the Nordic heritage and culture at CLU. It is only one way that the university continues to honor this culture.

The music department

building, also known as the Pederson House, is located across from the Scandinavian Center and was the home of Richard Pederson.

He was an immigrant from Norway and dedicated Lutheran. The Pederson House is a standing landmark and a reminder to CLU of its Scandinavian roots.

Pederson's house was on the land that he donated in support of his belief in Lutheran higher education.

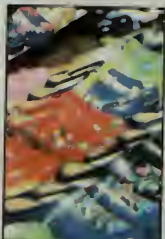
This year, many of the booths and tables were moved onto Memorial Parkway to provide more room for the main festival stage.

Crafts included head wreaths as well as different crafts from Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland.

"Making the head wreaths was probably my favorite part of the festival," said Caitlin Comey, a freshman at CLU.

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A rainbow of clogs.



Photographs by Dong Barnett

Dressed in traditional clothing above, a man entertains the crowd. Children from Ascension Lutheran School Choir sing traditional Scandinavian music.



Out! gives students a chance to ask questions

By Laura Behlinger
STAFF WRITER

A large group came to ask anonymous questions in a friendly environment at the Out! Panel, hosted by the Gay Straight Alliance.

The forum, known as the Out! Panel, was held for faculty, staff and students to raise any concerns or questions about what it means to be lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered or questioning and how that impacts campus life.

Along with the GSA, the panel was sponsored by the Center for Equality and Justice, the Latin American Student Organization and Residence Life.

One of the driving forces behind holding the panel was

the occurrence of a hate crime in February 2008 that was targeted at a middle school student in Oxnard. The second driving force was Harmony Week, organized by GSA during March 3-7 and was also open to the entire CLU community.

The Out! Panel created a forum for the CLU community to come together.

"First, it's really important for the general campus to see that there are students who are members of LGBTQ, and also really important for people on the panel to be able to finally come out and have the opportunity to share why it's so important," said junior Cheyanne Anderson, GSA president. "Finally, it's important for people who are

still questioning to see people on campus that have come out."

Many issues were discussed during the forum, with all questions coming anonymously from members of the audience. The purpose of the Out! Panel was to make everyone attending feel comfortable enough to ask tough questions, so the event did have a lighthearted and humorous tone at times.

Some of the issues that were brought up affect not only those attending the panel, but also the entire CLU community.

"One of the issues that was brought up at the panel was to stop using the word gay to mean stupid, or using it in any negative or inaccurate context," freshman Sam Lovetro said.

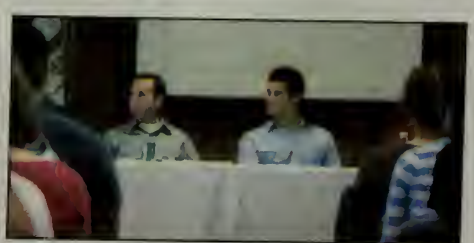
Another reason for holding the panel was to decrease the stigma of being LGBTQ on campus and to increase awareness of issues that related to the entire campus community.

"I want CLU to be a more open and accepting campus for LGBTQ people so they can feel more comfortable and able to be themselves," said sophomore Sophia Naranjo, GSA vice president.

The main purpose of the panel was to show people that the GSA and members of the LGBTQ community are on campus, and support others.

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Students were able to voice their opinions and ask anonymous questions at Out!, which was a panel put on by the GSA, LASO, the Center for Equality and Justice, and Residence Life.

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Photograph by Nichol Gorta

A member of the Ventura County Sheriffs speaks with an attendee to the career expo. Companies ranging from Target to Meathead Movers were present at the event.

Career Expo connects students, employers

By Laura Behinger

STAFF WRITER

With resumes in hand, students at California Lutheran University took the chance to meet with future employers at the Career Expo.

The event was organized by the Career Services center at CLU. The event took place on April 15 at the flagpole area.

Seventy-six representatives from various corporations registered to attend and 250 to 300 students and alumni were expected to show up.

"If you are graduating, of course it is smart to attend, but those who are looking for internships or ideas on places to work should also attend," said Cindy Lewis, director of Career Services. "If you want to learn more about employers and their culture, the expo puts you face to face with employees who can share their experiences and

provide details on benefits they offer. If you are undecided it is also a way to explore possible career paths or land an internship."

The Career Expo is held every April for students and alumni to meet with employers, whether for a full time job or an internship.

"I was pleased to see the Peace Corps there at the job fair," senior Bettina Guerrero said. "I have been thinking of doing some volunteer work after graduation, so having them there to answer my questions was great."

The Career Expo also takes what students have learned in the classroom and applies it to the real world.

With classes such as the communication department's business and professional communication, students learn how to operate successfully in the business world by conducting mock interviews and professional presentations.

"It's good for students to go



Photograph by Dong Barakat

A CLU student speaks with an employer at the career expo, which was hosted by Career Services

to the job fair because it's a great way to network yourself and see what opportunities are out there," senior Randy Duarte said. "Also, it's a good way to practice your social skills towards possible employers."

Guerrero felt the Career Expo was a great opportunity for seniors to get some help before graduation.

"I appreciate career services putting on events like these to help students out. We get use-

ful information about careers that will definitely help us in the future," she said. "It's great to be able to talk one on one to an employer and find out what needs to be done to get a job after graduation."

Film examines debt crisis in third-world countries

By Bryan Arjon

STAFF WRITER

A controversial yet informative film was screened last week to examine the debt of developing nations.

The film, "The Debt of the Dictators" arrived just in time for the Scandinavian festival at California Lutheran University. The documentary was a production of Insight, a consciously aware Norwegian company.

The film had a couple key focuses. The most prevalent was the examination of compiling debt crises in many different developing countries. Despite rising debt being an issue that has spread across the globe, the Insight team decided to focus its efforts to discussing the developing instances of severe debt incurred by The Philippines, the Southern areas of Africa, Argentina and The Congo.

The instances placed under magnifi-

cation were "illegitimate debt," a term put to use by the film producers which hoped to express that these cases are usually undertaken by a country as a result of a dictatorial regime such as those in place in the countries highlighted.

In reference to concepts shown in the film, the debt issues can also be attributed to the expenditure of government funds with social failing social issues of the regions such as health systems and educational services.

The main argument of the film is that by outlining the causes of this debt issue, corrupt multi-national banks loaning money to equally corrupt government officials and debt forgiveness there is a chance of redeeming a level of governmental integrity.

"The numbers were staggering," junior Lana Lile said. "Debts accumulated through such unjust times as Apartheid are heart-breaking in and of

themselves, but realizing that they continue to affect an entire country's health and infrastructure today is what keeps me from forgetting the crisis after the movie turns off."

According to "The Debt of the Dictators," the genocidal issue arising within different parts of Africa can be attributed to the actions of the multi-national banks and large corporations that front the government's their bountiful loans. They were referred to as "accomplices to genocide." These shocking possibilities inspired intuitive thinking to those in attendance.

"The film meant to show snapshots of different countries and the poverty that exists within them as a result of the loans given to these countries' former dictators and showing the film makes the world a smaller place by bringing awareness to what is happening in other countries," senior Melissa Anderson said. "I hope

students here at CLU can relate by seeing how an action someone makes can have lasting impact, both positive and negative, for generations to come."

The film also explained the different hands that have a valid association with the issue. Not only does the documentary place blame on internalizing issues within the corrupt governments themselves, the turmoil is also linked to neighboring countries that participate in the various economic transactions.

"I would recommend this film to anyone who wants to understand more about the situation, and anyone who feels compassion toward fellow humans," sophomore Casey Kloehn said. "Seeing these child laborers and poor families living in poverty because of the greed of their former dictators is heartbreaking."

To learn more about the film or its makers, visit the film Web site at www.erlingborgen.com/about1.html.

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Scandinavian Festival Out! Panel

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"Making the head wreaths was probably my favorite part of the festival," said freshman Caitlin Comey.

Along with booths that had crafts and foods from Nordic cultures, educational movies and DVDs were shown in the Nygreen building. Educational speakers including Dr. Fred Tonsing, spoke about times before the ancient Vikings.

Though ethnic diversity has mixed the campus population, the Scandinavian organizations that are associated with CLU now share in the effort to honor its Nordic heritage.

Going with tradition this year, the Scandinavian Festival featured the countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were also present.

The food court was crowded throughout the day, with a variety of items on the menu and there was something for everyone.

"My favorite was the Viking dogs with the sautéed onions," Jesse Slaman said.

Along with the Viking dogs were Swedish Pancakes, funnel cakes, ice cream, Hawaiian shaved ice and more.

In addition to the foods and the crafts that were present the festival also held a Nordic worship service.

The Nordic service was held



at Samuelson Chapel on Sunday morning. It was officiated by pastors from Scandinavian countries.

The school provided shuttling from the North Campus parking lot to the festival, helping to improve the parking situation.

"We stayed busy pretty much all day taking people to the festival," said Jordan Barta, who was driving one of the shuttles.

While parking was better than it has been in the past, it was still an issue for CLU students.

"The parking was horrible," Comey said. "That was probably one of the only downsides to the festival."



Photographs by Doug Barnett

Far top, vikings dressed in traditional armor explain their outfits to a group of onlookers. Two men, bottom, grill Viking Dogs and wear viking helmets.

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"I think it is important to educate the campus community and to show the support for so many that are still in the closet," said Christine Paul, associate director of Student Life and GSA faculty adviser. "If we don't talk about it, people will think it is not ok to be gay here at CLU. By talking about it and having events, it says that we do support everyone here on campus and that it is ok to be yourself."

CLU policies are supportive of the LGBTQ community on campus. However, there is one change that the GSA would like to see immediately addressed.

The school's discrimination statement on the CLU Web site does not include one's sexual orientation as being protected under that statement. The GSA is working to get that changed.

"I would remind everyone that these issues will not be resolved over the course of one or two school years or through one or two events," said senior Matthew Craffey. "This is a long-term process that needs to be revisited each year with each new and returning CLU student."

This was the first panel of its kind since the start of the GSA seven years ago. Around 85 people attended the Out! Panel. For more information contact the Center for Equality and Justice at cej@callutheran.edu.

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SUNDAY April 27	MONDAY April 28	TUESDAY April 29	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
Cheerleading Tryouts 8 a.m.-Noon Soiland Recreation Center 	Acting Seminar with actor and author Markus Flanagan 4 p.m. Little Theatre/Black Box	Militant Islamic Terrorism: Threats and Responses 11:30 a.m. Lundring Events Center Resilience and the Open Future 4 p.m. Lundring Events Center Celebration of Service 6:30 p.m. SUB	Mainstage 3: Ohio starts May 1, 8 p.m.

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NPR reporter speaks at Corporate Leaders Breakfast

Scott Simon discusses his life and times as a national radio journalist

By Brittney Danielle Kennell
STAFF WRITER

Nationally acclaimed reporter Scott Simon visited California Lutheran University Monday morning.

He attended the Corporate Leaders Breakfast to answer student posed questions regarding his life and times as a reporter for National Public Radio, for which he has a show broadcasted on KCLU Saturdays, 6-10 a.m.

"I came to listen to the speaker, Scott Simon, and thought it would be a good opportunity for me to meet with business owners in the area," said Greg Weaver, senior communication major.

"I want to go into market research when I graduate in May, and I listen to NPR, so I was interested."

CLU president, Dr. Chris Kimball, opened the event with a warm welcome to those who so generously sponsored the event and to those who attended, including many students.

"This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We are delighted to have a number of students, deans, and professors here as well," Kimball said.

"This series is a part of an effort to link community employers with California Lutheran University students."

When the question and



Photograph by Michael Costa

NPR reporter Scott Simon answers questions from a CLU-student panel at the Corporate Leaders Breakfast on Monday. He talked about his life as a radio journalist and author.

answer session ensued Travis Becker, senior communication major, asked Simon what the most memorable story he had covered during his time with NPR had been.

"The siege at Sarajevo. The most physically taxing, emotionally draining I think, it was an absolutely pitiless siege. It shook up my view of the world," Simon said.

"If the people just knew the

truth, they would fill in the blank. I had always told myself that if people knew what was going on they would do something about it."

Junior Candice Cerro asked Simon what had been his most memorable experience working in the United States, from which the NPR reporter expounded on his appreciation for American diversity.

"Everywhere I have been in

the world, and the United States is no exception, I always find something I treasure," Simon said.

The diversity of America is literally changing the complexion of America, he observed. Doing that unites America in the interest of the world.

Becker again inquired of Simon, this time regarding the issue of fairness and un-bias reporting.

"As a journalist, you are caused to be fair," Simon said. "I certainly hope I report honestly."

"In the craft of journalism it is something that you have to do. I hope being fair and professional doesn't mean you don't feel for what is going on too."

After a series of questions on deeper issues regarding humanity and politics, the world-travelled reporter offered some sound advice for those who are interested in the field of journalism.

"There is so much emphasis on a career path," Simon said. "But I think sometimes the best thing that one can do is do something totally unrelated to journalism."

"You can learn from anything you do, it's just a matter of making use of it."

This Corporate Leaders Breakfast was the last of the year. The panel also included seniors Lauren Kane and ASCLU-G president Stefanie Lucas.

"To get to interview someone who has interviewed so many people was an honor," Lucas said.

Becker was equally as pleased.

"The more I learned about him the more intimidated I got," he said. "I was so glad to have had the opportunity to share this experience with my friends." Becker said.

Alumna successful in hand therapy field

By Alanna Clunen
STAFF WRITER

Alumna Sara Treanor Tchobanoff is an accomplished California Lutheran University graduate who has reached success in the medical field by opening her own occupational therapy office.

Tchobanoff graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology (pre-med). She continued her schooling at Midwestern University, graduating with a master's of occupational therapy degree.

It was only after she worked as a medical assistant for hand surgeon, Dr. Glen Cohen did she decide to specialize in hand therapy.

"I thought being a hand surgeon and all that entails was very interesting," she said. "Over those eight months of assisting, I realized how important having the use of our hands are."

She opened Meridian Hand Therapy with business partner Lisa Barry.

"Every activity and thing we do (other than just walking) involves us being able to use our hands," Tchobanoff said. "The hand therapists were so involved in the process of people being able get back to work, their day-to-day activities and sports. It was amazing."

Meridian Hand Therapy has office locations in Thousand Oaks and Westlake Village and the owners dedicate themselves to individual patient care by using the best available equipment and techniques. They take into account patients' past history, as well as how to solve the patient's current problems and pains. Their business is aware that individual care and a personal touch are extremely helpful in the recovery of a patient.

Tchobanoff also employs two CLU students, senior Jennifer Craft and junior Cassandra Hernandez in the Meridian office.

"My desire is that these students, whether interested in healthcare or not, learn that our interactions with other people matter," she said. "Furthermore, teamwork, efficiency, multi-tasking, and being prompt are all things that most healthcare related jobs (and non-health care jobs) value."

Craft, a biology major, has been working with Tchobanoff for more than a year now.

"... As a recent CLU graduate and having the same major she has been able to help me pick out classes based on what I will need to get into graduate school," Craft said. "Lisa and Sara have been great mentors as I am searching for graduate schools in their area of expertise."

Tchobanoff's vast knowledge in her field and willingness to help and educate others, and her overall good nature does not go unnoticed.

"Sara has been able to answer all of my questions and supply me with supplemental material when I need resources for a related school assignment," Craft said. "It is great having a job where the owners show appreciation for everyone in the office. I do not think there has been one day when I have left from work without a thank you."

Tchobanoff resides in Camarillo with her Santa Barbara county deputy husband, Isiah Tchobanoff 2002 alum.

"The only thing that matters in my opinion is that you do it because you enjoy helping people. The bottom line is if you can go to work every day and make a living doing something you love, you will be a success no matter how much money you make."



'How to Measure a Life' explores life stories of love, hope

Event uses issues in 'Rent' to help build and sustain a more understanding campus

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

The major themes in the musical "Rent" were told through stories of love, loss and hope in the face of HIV/AIDS, drugs/alcohol abuse, homelessness and being transgendered.

"How to Measure a Life" took place on Thursday in the Samuelson Chapel. It was created in order to build and sustain a more understanding campus.

The evening was kicked off by the California Lutheran University men and women's quartet singing "Seasons of Love."

Clips of homelessness, drug abuse and protesting for gay and transgender rights were shown while the singing took place.

After the opening clip from

"Rent," Cathy Brudnicki, executive director of the Ventura County Homelessness and Housing Coalition, spoke to the audience about homelessness.

She spoke about how there is no typical homeless person, however they do tend to be over 40 years old.

"One in five families in Ventura County are at risk of becoming homeless," Brudnicki said.

She also tells students that Ventura County is lacking emergency shelter for the homeless, but they are working on creating better housing systems.

After clips were shown pertaining to drug and alcohol abuse, former CLU student Erik Helling spoke about his struggles with drugs and alcohol.

He began by giving a brief

family history, showing that abuse can happen to anyone despite where a person is from.

Helling's life changed in 2007 when he received two DUIs and was put in jail for 90 days.

He also spoke about his use of cocaine and how his abuse caused him to lose his family, friends and home.

"They don't call it corrections for nothing, people," he said.

Helling then discussed how kids need to have more knowledge about drugs and alcohol.

He believes that kids should be informed about what the drugs actually do to you.

"I want to save my generation," he said. "I am here, and I may be queer, but I want to change the world one step at a time."

The night's third speaker was Sarah Williamson, a transgender woman. She is one in 12,000 people who were born transgender. She was born with mosaic chromosome pattern.

Williamson talked about her life as a transgender female, telling about how she never felt like she belonged. Before her operation, she was a professional wrestler ranked third in the world, was married and had two children.

She did not become a full woman until 2006 when she went to Thailand for surgery.



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Former CLU student Erik Helling speaks at "How to Measure a Life" in the Samuelson Chapel on Thursday.

"I think the measure of a life is that life matters," she said.

Williamson ended her story with passages from the Bible: Matthew 19:12 and John 3:16.

"How to Measure a Life" was concluded with a candle

lighting ceremony and a pledge.

The Wellness Center, Gay-Straight Alliance and the Center for Equality and Justice had tables out with information pamphlets on how to keep yourself and others safe.



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The men and women's choir begins "How to Measure a Life," which raised awareness of common social issues.

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'Forgetting Sarah Marshall' gives many laughs during devastating break-up

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

Just one vacation and one cocktail is all it takes to change the course of your life forever. For one man, a vacation to Hawaii after a heartbreaking split with the love of his life was the only way to recover.

From the producer who brought us "The 40-year-old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Super Bad" (Shauna Robertson), "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" takes us on another love/sex laughing escapade.

This movie tells the story of how Peter Bretter (actor/writer Jason Segal) plans to cope with his devastating break-up with television sitcom star Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell).

The trend that Adam Sandler started when he continued to give certain actors reoccurring roles can be seen in this film as well. Four of the actors that starred with Jason Segal in "Knocked Up" once again play alongside of him in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

The producers of the past three movies have the know-how to make corny and funny movies that audiences will love.

They did it once again with this movie. The film, lasting 1 hour and 52 minutes, is filled

with joke after joke and funny line after funny line.

You manage to stop laughing from one joke or line and then they hit you with another joke, and you continue to laugh.

Directed by Nicholas Stoller, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" captures how hard it truly is to forget about a person that you have been dating for a long time.

Throughout the film, Stoller shows flashbacks to when Peter and Sarah were together, because they both realize how much they miss the good times they shared with each other.

Once Peter arrives in Hawaii for his vacation away from everything and anything that would make him think of his ex, he is flabbergasted to find out that she's staying at the same hotel at the exact same time.

His plan was to escape from everything that made him think of her and now they're stuck in the same hotel.

To make things worse than they already are, Sarah is staying with her new boyfriend, English rocker Aldous Snow (Russell Brand).

But with the help of Rachel Jansen (Mila Kunis, "That 70's Show") the hotel desk clerk, Peter is able to find a quiet room to nurse his broken heart.

Rachel and Peter become

friends as the film progresses. They go to bars and luau's together, anything to help Peter escape from his past.

As they continue to bond, Peter begins falling for Rachel. Sarah takes notice and realizes that she made a mistake by breaking up with him.

Peter falls in love with Rachel, but after a sexual ploy from Sarah to get him back, Peter's chances with Rachel seem to be shot.

It is not until the release of his Dracula musical that was inspired by the experience's he shared with Rachel that his life would be changed forever.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is not what you expect compared to "The 40-year-old Virgin" and "Knocked Up" in many senses. For example, most nudity in films is typically categorized by female nudity.

In this film the only nude scenes were that of a man, who completely bares it all on camera a number of times.

The movie is the must-see comedy of the spring. Months from now we'll all be repeating the catchy lines like we have been doing after seeing "Super Bad" and "Knocked Up."

One pearl of wisdom to take from this movie is in the line, "Life is full of lessons, and you learn something new everyday."

Night For Nets raises money for Africa

By Krystle Malaras

STAFF WRITER

A night of fashion, food and fun for a good cause will be hosted at California Lutheran University in the form of "Night for Nets," a charity fashion show.

"Our goal is to raise money for bed nets and then send them over to Africa through the Nothing But Nets foundation to help stop the spread of malaria," said Blake Bernhard CLU senior and part of marketing and promotions for the event.

Nothing But Nets is an international non-profit organization. Their goal is to provide bed nets and relief for people in Africa and around the world.

The first ever fundraising event will take place Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the Pavilion, located next to the Student Union Building.

"At the fashion show we will have food and drink set up for the first part of the show," Bernhard said. "Then for the second part of the show we will bring everyone back and gather around the stage and begin the fashion show. During the fashion show we will have a presentation on screen, giving history and facts about the deadly effects of malaria on the African people."

Tickets will be available for purchase for a chance to win prizes at the end of the show. Tickets are \$5 presale and \$10 at the door.

All proceeds will go to buying the bed nets

that are \$10 each.

The show is being organized by CLU students with the support of American Medical Student Association, American Marketing Association and the international studies department.

The AMSA aids CLU pre-med students in understanding what they need to do to apply for medical school.

The AMA, another prominent supporter of the event, is an official collegiate chapter of the National American Marketing Association and strives to facilitate career and marketing resources to build the experience level of students.

"Programs Board gave money to help them out because AMA didn't organize it, they are the major supporters," said Leon Townsend, AMA and Student Programs Board member.

Bernhard and Daniel Loghry, a senior at CLU and president of the AMA, are promoting the event.

"Dan Loghry and I, with the help of the AMA, have designed fliers to promote around the school and community and contacted the Star newspaper to do a write up about the event," Bernhard said.

CLU students Katie Foster and Mackenzie Porter are in charge of the project which has a goal to help raise awareness about the spread of the deadly disease malaria in Africa.

"We want everyone there," Bernhard said. "We earnestly urge people to come and have a good time and donate to a great cause."

Campus Quotes

What do you do to help the environment?



Eric Herskovitz, 2009

"I turn out the light in my dorm room and I tell Ian Freeman to eat less."

Melissa Schlueter, 2008



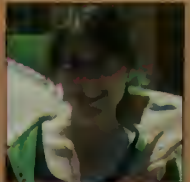
"In our room, we are all about recycling and turning off the lights."



Chaz Hodges, 2011

"I walk."

Katey Wade, 2010



"I recycle and I don't have a license, so therefore, I don't pollute."



Andrew Paster, 2011

"I do a lot more walking than I have to."

Megan Hindman, 2009



"I recycle everything."

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Love advice

Answering questions of the heart



By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

"Dr. Love,

"I've been in the same relationship for a while now. I don't want to get into specifics, but it's been over a year. I hate to say this, but I'm getting bored.

"He treats me well and we rarely fight, yet I feel like something is off. This is my first serious relationship and I don't really know if what I'm feeling is normal.

"My friends have told me to do what's best for me, but I don't really know what that is. Any advice? - Confused"

Any advice? Sweetheart, that's what I do.

Ah, the stagnant relationship; Lord knows I've been there.

First of all, it's imperative to realize that this is an incredibly common feeling to have. Once you get to that eight to 12 month mark it may not seem as easy as it once did.

Hitting a wall in the relationship is bound to happen with time. Don't you just love the couple that's been dating for three years and tells you they're happier now than they were in the beginning?

Lying is so easy.

I do not want to take anything from happy people in long-term relationships. I am certainly not suggesting that couples cannot be jovial after time, but to suggest that it's easy to do is preposterous.

Relationships take work. Sacrifice is a necessity.

I've been in a couple of long-term serious relationships. There were moments I was glad to be in that position.

However, I found that over time each one of those girls was not right for me. Imagine being in a relationship that you know is going nowhere.

What did I do? Foolishly, I stuck it out much longer than I should have.

My reasoning was that I was comfortable and breaking up might rock the boat a little too much. That's a lazy attitude, and it is truly unfair to your partner.

So, to my letter writer I must ask, how much work are you willing to put in?

If you can look at your guy in the eyes and know your life is better with him in it, then I think that you have to find next gear and keep it going. Drink a Red Bull or something.

But if you know in your heart that he's just not the one for you, do both of yourselves a favor and get out of it. Don't waste another moment of your life in something that you can't be passionate about.

"Dr. Love,

"I really like this guy and he really likes me. Unfortunately, he doesn't want to rush into anything because he just got out of a relationship. I feel like we're practically dating, but he won't allow himself to get serious. I'm getting annoyed and feel like he's somewhat using me. Am I wasting my time?"

Yes. Stop it.

Don't waste another moment of your life in something that you can't be passionate about.

"Brandon (Dr. Love),

"My girlfriend's 21st birthday is coming up. I wasn't sure what to do for it. I was thinking about making dinner at my place (that should get me brownie points right?).

"It's a Saturday, so I really want to go all out. Have any ideas on what I could do? Don't worry she doesn't go to school here. Be as specific as you want. - R"

I have to be honest; I was ecstatic when I got this e-mail. I literally keep a journal of great date ideas.

First things first, forget Thousand Oaks. No disrespect to T.O., but all the town has to offer in terms of a nightlife is a hole-in-the-wall bar next to a Trader Joe's.

Take her to a place where dreams come true. My town, Los Angeles.

L.A. can seem overwhelming, but if you know where to go there isn't a more entertaining place on the planet.

That's right Las Vegas; you've been called out.

Make dinner reservations at a place called Citizen Smith. It's Hollywood chic, but not too pretentious.

The ambience in there is awesome and how can you go wrong with a menu that has chicken and waffles as a house specialty. Be prepared to open up that Velcro wallet of yours, but it will be so worth it.

Next move is a drive down to Westwood for a cocktail and a little dancing.

Check out the W Hotel. They have a really cool lounge called Whiskey Blue.

It can get pretty crowded around 11, so make sure to get in a little earlier to assure yourselves an outdoor cabana to relax in before dominating the dance floor.

After that, take a nice stroll down to the village for some dessert. There is only one place in Westwood for those with a sweet tooth, and that is, of course, Diddy Riese. You pick the ice cream and the cookies and in return they give you the best ice cream sandwich in the history of the universe.

If you are going back to your place make sure that it is spotless. Don't just throw stuff in your closet, for I have learned that they will check there when you go to brush your teeth.

To really set the mood download the song "Realize" by Colby Caillat and play it on repeat.

The rest of the evening is up to you. I can't do everything.

You're perfect just the way you are.

Dr. Love

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Letters to the Editor

The following letters are in response to Brandon Graham's article, "Do's and Don'ts of a First Date" featured in the April 9 edition of The Echo.

By Maggie Melo

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Like many other women here on campus, the controversy of Mr. Graham's piece can be delineated to your "Men must pay" section.

Although I do find the general piece humorous and insightful in terms of relationships, the word choice is questionable.

Earlier in the section Graham stated: "I have an obligation to you readers to give the most levelheaded and mature advice I have to offer" and yet, he has failed to do so in a "mature" and "levelheaded" manner:

"Any female who feels like I'm being sexist, is more than likely single or kind of a bitch."

The word "bitch" when juxtaposed to the mention/topic of

women is unacceptable on various levels.

On one level, he discredits himself and his obligation to your readers. If he aims to give readers "levelheaded" and "mature" advice, that would require the non-usage of slanderous, demeaning, stereotypical, and/or insulting language.

Furthermore, his employment of the word "bitch" also tells the readers one thing about his writing style: "I don't have the capacity to find any alternative words or phrases rather than the word 'bitch.'"

Key characteristics of any columnist, including opinion columnists, should include creativity, innovation and veracity; using the word "bitch" doesn't support any of those characteristics. Instead, the utilization of such a word shows both laziness and disrespect on your part.

Conclusively, I hope that Mr. Graham does not take this letter as an attack or rant.

Overall, I do find his opinion

pieces both entertaining and perceptive; but with the same token, he can achieve insightful and amusing pieces without belittling women.

By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

Apparently there were some young women on this campus that were offended by a word I used in my column a couple of weeks ago.

Let me be the first to say that I never intended for the term to insult anyone.

I haven't received much, if any, negative feedback since I began writing this love advice column, so I was somewhat flabbergasted when I read the letters that were written.

The word was really written in a tongue-in-cheek manner and was not directed at anyone in particular.

Could I have used a different term? Certainly.

However, I do stand by my opinion that the intention was harmless and not an attack on anyone specifically.

I hope that everyone who reads my column understands that besides the actual advice that I do give, much of the things I say are in jest and should be viewed as an attempt to make people giggle.

To those who felt offended enough to write a letter, I will say hats off to you for taking a stand.

I just hope that this stance is consistent with every other avenue in your lives. I truly hope that none of you ever use that word.

I also hope that you write letters to any television shows you watch that say that word as well as any musicians who have ever used the term in any of their songs.

But I'm sure you do.

Let me be the first to say that I never intended for the term to insult anyone.

I won't use that word anymore in print. Rarely do I even say it in conversation.

The last thing I want to be is disrespectful to women. I love all of you way too much to dream of doing something like that.

Brandon

P.S. If any of you want to talk more about it, let me know. Maybe we could grab coffee; I'll buy.

For The Record

Note:

More letters to the editor regarding both Dr. Love, and Kennett's article on Lutheranism will be published in the April 30 issue of The Echo.

“ If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind, whom shall we serve? ”

John Adams (1735 - 1826)

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Letters to the Editor

By Jesse Matlock

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Everyone is entitled to their own opinions. But when an opinion encompasses a stereotype that has the undeniable potential to tarnish the reputation of a large group of people, it becomes more than just one person's view—especially if it is publicized in the newspaper. Last week there was an editorial article regarding the Lutheran traditions or lack thereof at CLU. In part, the article is justifiable. CLU is a very diverse campus, meaning that the percent of actual practicing Lutherans that attend or our employees of the school is most likely lower than that of other Lutheran universities. From this, some may say there has grown a culture that as a whole doesn't necessarily embrace true Lutheran traditions. There were certain aspects of the article though, that were extremely disconcerting and exceedingly offensive for many reasons.

It was simply stated that half of the school consists of not just student athletes, but student athletes that “want to go to a school

that is wet, featuring a number of weekly theme-party options and local bars.”

No doubt, there are a large portion of students at CLU (not just student athletes) that would prefer if the campus was more lenient towards drinking, like many other colleges are. But how could anyone determine that the entire percentage of student athletes falls under this category?

Even further, how could it possibly be said that “on the other hand, a very large group of Christian people attend CLU...” omitting the possibility that any of the student athlete population is actually part of the Christian population?

This generalization is offensive to those who do choose to play NCAA sports at CLU, while maintaining their Christian beliefs. In fact organizations like Fellowship of Christian Athletes show how athletics and religion coincide so well. There has absolutely never been a barrier separating athletes from Christianity.

One sector of the student athlete population was especially targeted in this article: the football team. An outrageous stereotype was used to capture the

essence of who the football team is collectively and what they are all about.

The article reads, “...for those who live a Christian centered life, 50 loud football players (no offense) down the hall smoking weed and blasting “\$%#^ the Police” isn't the ideal living situation...”

Though apparently offense wasn't meant to be taken by this comment, it was in the utmost of ways.

As a team, we don't claim to be perfect. Just like any other students, football players have made mistakes and owned up to the consequences.

In fact, I would argue that athletes are held to higher standards, for not only are we accountable to university standards, we have to answer to our coaches for our actions. From this article, 50 of us have been painted as “weed smoking,” and “police hating,” meaning an overwhelming majority of the team takes part in instances like the one described.

Allow me to tell you what the football team collectively is,

These letters are in response to Brittney Danielle Kennett's article, “Lutheranism is lost at CLU” featured in the April 16 edition of The Echo.

If we are going to continue in this vein of Christ-centered lifestyles, let's take a moment to look at His example. Matthew 7:1, for instance: “Do not judge others, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Jesus continues with the well-known metaphor of the sawdust in your brother's eye and the plank in your own.

Calling out the majority of CLU students as lacking appro-

aside from its newly acquired stereotype.

We have a number of players that have appeared on the list of scholar athletes continually every year and an even higher number who are here on an academic scholarship. We have past and present members of our program that serve our country and have spent military tours in Iraq. We have a group of around 30 players that serve our community by going every Friday before games to a local elementary school and serve as mentors for kids.

We have an organized sector of FCA that encompasses players, coaches and religious community figures that holds meetings every Wednesday throughout the year. Most importantly we have a strong relationship with CLU's Pastor Scott Doherty, and receive ministry the morning of every game and throughout the year. These are only a few of the many examples of how CLU football players alone strive to better themselves, their community, and their team. Our “teammates” throughout the athletic department are engaged in many of the same types of activities.

Because the football team

consists of far more players than any other sports team, we are the most easily recognized group of students around campus, especially at a school with such a small general population. We carry the stereotypes of being unintelligent muscle heads and wild in terms of behavior.

What we fail to gain recognition for are our accomplishments both as individuals and as a whole, and the demeanor that we carry on a regular basis. History has shown what happens when you judge a group of people solely by the actions of few, and it has resulted in millions of people walking around with a false stereotype tagged onto them.

While a good point was attempted to be made in the article written by this CLU student, it unfortunately attacked a group of people that work very hard to maintain a positive reputation as CLU student athletes.

As far as the comment regarding the newly elected president of CLU, Dr. Chris Kimball, “taking notes for the student body's sake,” I believe that he may have jotted some down on how not to express a brewing opinion based on false pretenses.

By Casey Kloehn

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Frankly, I was appalled to read Miss Kennett's words of hasty generalization about the student body. She writes about the large number of athletes in comparison to the large number of Christians on campus, as if these groups are mutually exclusive.

She references the athletes' practice of playing loud, explicit music in the dorms. I happen to live just below some loud music enthusiasts, some of whom are Christians, some of whom are athletes and all of whom are gra-

cious enough to lower the volume when I ask politely.

Love of bass and love of Christ are also not mutually exclusive.

In the same paragraph, Miss Kennett remarks that a “liberal perspective is often beneficial inside the classroom in order to spark an intellectual debate, [but] for those who live a Christ-centered life...” I stop quoting here because the previous sentence implies that a liberal perspective and a Christ-centered life are also mutually exclusive. As a bleeding-heart liberal and faithful follower of Christ, I take this assumption very personally.

appropriate qualities for acceptance is sort of rude.

Miss Kennett asks Dr. Chris Kimball to take notes on this subject, as if CLU will now enforce a Christian test as part of its admission process?

I would find that to be much more embarrassing than a lack of enthusiasm for Lutheranism on campus.

If Miss Kennett were to ask my advice on the subject, I would offer that her dissatisfaction with the “Lutheranism” on campus could be easily remedied with her active involvement in CLU's Lutheran student congregation, Lord of Life.

She may find among this congregation students who, “know what being Christian [means],” a group she is seeking, according to her article.

I was of the impression that CLU students can be the change we wish to see on campus through the plethora of leadership opportunities available.

If Miss Kennett wanted so badly to see Lutheranism more prevalent on campus, she had three years to do something about it.

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Softball hosts Oxy in season finale

Regals welcome last place
Tigers for Saturday doubleheader

By Veronica Torres

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The last game of the season is approaching for the California Lutheran University softball team as the Regals are set to host SCIAC opponent Occidental College. Saturday in a doubleheader at noon.

Last time these two teams met, CLU was able to pull off two wins against the Tigers at Occidental.

The Regals are looking to make the post-season SCIAC tournament that is set to begin on May 2 and will feature the top four finishers in the standings but CLU has a slim chance of making it in.

CLU went up against SCIAC challenger, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges in a doubleheader on Friday at Hutton Field.

The Regals were able to take the first game with a 2-1 win, but dropped the second game 3-2.

In the first game, sophomore Emily Robertson hit a home run giving the Regals the win. This gave Robertson a total of nine home runs this season.

The only run that the Athenas scored that game came in the first inning.

CLU pitcher Lizzy Chacon allowed only four hits, all of them singles and one unearned run. She now has a record of 14-7.

During the second game, pitcher Megan Allain had three scoreless innings and only allowed one hit.

The Regals also faced another SCIAC opponent, University of La Verne, on Saturday at home.

The Regals were defeated in both games, falling 12-7 in the first game and 9-2 in the second. Robertson tallied two more home runs to give her a total of 11 in the regular season.

Robertson's home run provided three runs for the Regals and Katy Bateman followed with a two-run double.

"Quite frankly, La Verne just hit everything we pitched," head coach Debby Day said. "They made some great plays in the field and they beat us today. It's not to say our team fell off."

Chacon received a loss in the first game against the Leopards and fellow pitcher Allain was charged with the loss while pitching for CLU in the second game.

In the second game, the Regals were trailing 6-0 when Bateman scored and April Rosas drove in Brittany Ordos to tally up the runs for the Regals.

"We have two more games next Saturday and I don't think we really need to change anything," Day said. "We just need to come out and have a good time."

The Regals now stand with an overall record of 17-19 and a 9-



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Freshman Katy Bateman hit a two-run double in the first game against La Verne on Saturday. She has started all 36 games for the Regals this year at first base while posting a .315 batting average, 28 hits and 19 RBI in her rookie season.

13 mark in the SCIAC.

"I think we've grown a lot, we have had many people mature and we are very young team," Day said. "We have seven freshmen and one senior and I think we've had a lot of new people

step up and mature on the field. I am really proud on how far they've come this year."

Saturday's game will mark the last for CLU senior outfielder Shauna Cogan who will be honored before the game. She has

played in all 36 games this year.

Robertson, a sophomore, is leading the team with a .359 batting average and has a team-high 11 home runs and 32 RBI. She also leads the team with 29 runs scored and 17 walks.

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Suzeye Nomura - Women's Tennis

The junior put up an impressive performance at the SCIAC Championships last weekend. On Friday against Whittier she opened play with a win at No. 1 doubles and then won at No. 1 singles 6-1, 6-2. Later against Claremont she was leading her No. 1 singles match 6-1, 1-1 when play was stopped because CMS had clinched a 5-0 victory. On Saturday against Occidental she pulled out a three-set win in a comeback at No. 1 singles 1-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Forrest Hunt - Men's Tennis

The junior went 5-1 in matches he played in at the SCIAC Championships last weekend. He opened play Friday against La Verne with an 8-3 win at No. 1 doubles and a two-set win at No. 3 singles. In the afternoon against Redlands he again won at No. 1 doubles. On Saturday against Pomona-Pitzer he picked up a third win at No. 1 doubles for the weekend and another two-set win at No. 3 singles.

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400 Wins

Kingsmen coach becomes first to 400 victories, CLU sweeps Caltech and preps for Pomona

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

With a win in game one of a doubleheader against Caltech on Saturday, the Kingsmen helped head coach Marty Slimak capture his 400th victory of his career at California Lutheran University.

Slimak, who is in his 15th season at the helm of the baseball program has compiled more wins than any coach at CLU in any sport.

In past years the SCIAC has been dominated by Pomona-Pitzer, which has won SCIAC championships in 2002, 2003 and 2007.

The Kingsmen would enjoy nothing better than to spoil Pomona's dream of another SCIAC title.

CLU will square off against the Sagehens in a three-game series with the opening game being held at George "Sparky" Anderson Field at Ullman Stadium Friday at 3 p.m.

The following two games of the series will be played in a doubleheader at Pomona, with the first game starting at 11 a.m. and the concluding game of the series to start following the completion of the first.

Before their series with CLU, Pomona-Pitzer will have played a three game series with nationally-ranked Chapman University, who the Kingsmen have also faced this year.

Pomona is ranked No. 23 in the NCAA Division III and comes into the series with a record of 26-5 overall and 13-2 in conference.

The Sagehens only SCIAC losses have come against the University of Redlands and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges.

CLU has an all-time record of 33-16 against the Sagehens and come into the series with a record of 13-18-1 overall and 7-7 in SCIAC.

"We are just going to try and come out relaxed and play our game and hopefully we'll be able to pull out a win or two," sophomore Paul Hartmann said.

Going into the series this past weekend with the California Institute of Technology, the Kingsmen looked to get back into their groove and end their six-game losing streak.

The Kingsmen did more than end their losing streak. They swept Caltech and got Slimak is 400th and 401st career wins at CLU.

In the opening game of the series the Kingsmen took control early and never looked back, winning 11-0 in a seven-inning affair.

"We hit the ball well, which was nice, because it was able to get back our confidence as a team," senior Trevor Davidson said.

CLU finished off the sweep with two wins on Saturday at home, 12-0 in the first game and 15-1 in the second.

In the first game, the Kingsmen bats left off where they finished on Friday night by getting on the scoreboard early and often.

Hector Sanchez led the first inning with a single and was able to make it to third base on a throwing error.

Sanchez was later knocked in on a groundout by David Iden. The runs continued for the Kingsmen, scoring a pair of runs in the second.

Sanchez yet again started a CLU scoring spree by leading off with a double and once again was driven in by Iden, to increase the lead to 4-0.

Vinny Lopez and Kevin Graham got in on the scoring and added two more runs of their own with back-to-back singles in the fourth.

Sanchez continued his great hitting performance at the plate by adding a triple that scored Colin Gray. Sanchez tallied his third run of the game, scoring on a wild pitch.

Gray connected on a two-run double in the fifth, extending the CLU lead to 12-0.

CLU starter Chris Batelli gave up two hits, struck out two in three innings and was credited with the win.

The second game was a duplicate of the first, as the CLU bats were on fire.

Kingsmen starter Ian Durham earned the win with a three-inning performance, striking out four and allowing two hits.

Lopez hit a two-run home run that smacked off the scoreboard in left-center in the bottom half of the first, giving CLU an early 4-0 lead.

The Kingsmen kept the momentum into the second inning, scoring four more to give them an advantage of 8-0 after two innings.

CLU went on to score seven more runs, with one in the fourth and six during the last two innings to win 15-1 and complete the series sweep of the Beavers.

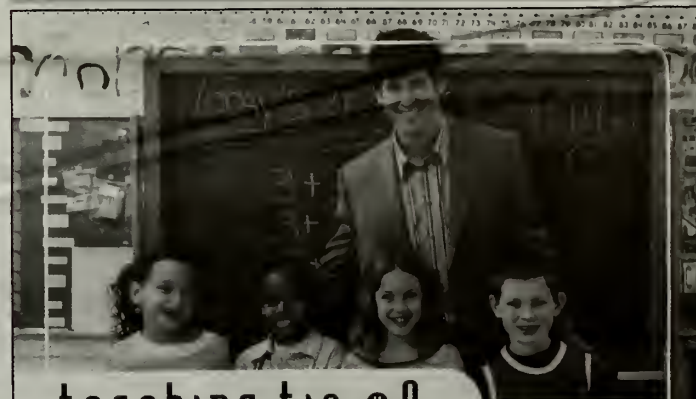


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Head coach Marty Slimak (left) is congratulated by junior Chad Hescong on Saturday.

Marty Slimak File

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No. 1 Regals set for tourney

Team finishes out conference schedule undefeated, clinch first round bye at championships

By Scott Bredesen
STAFF WRITER

Still ranked as the No. 1 team in NCAA Division III, the California Lutheran University women's water polo team has accomplished something that has never been done in the program's history.

The team completed its regular season schedule on Saturday and finished undefeated in SCIAC.

"It is nice to be No. 1 overall in SCIAC and Division III polls, but to have a program with great people that mature here and have a great experience here is also just as important," head coach Craig Rond said.

The Regals closed their season by defeating the Whittier College Poets, 11-8, and will now head into the SCIAC tournament with their fifth straight win.

With the team notching a 13-11 record overall and 6-0 in SCIAC it will enter the conference tournament as the No. 1 seed and enjoy a first round bye in the seven-team tournament.

The tournament will begin Saturday and will be held at the CLU Samuelson Aquatic Center.

"We must keep our focus

on the task at hand," senior Marianne Paradowski said. "We can't be passive but have to be aggressive this coming weekend and we will be fine."

Ashley Bentz came up huge in the game versus Whittier last Saturday and had four goals and three consecutive scores in the fourth quarter.

"Counter-attacking and driving hard for inside water is what makes our team so dangerous and talented," sophomore Kaitlin Hobbs said.

Last Wednesday the women defeated the No. 4 team in the NCAA Division III, the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas 10-5.

The victory clinched the top seed in the SCIAC tournament and earned the first round bye.

CMS did cut the lead to 8-4 with just under three minutes remaining but could not overcome the Regals.

CLU's goalkeeper Katie Windsor contributed 10 saves in the team's fifth straight conference win, a CLU single season record.

"We try to focus greatly on our defense the whole game of every game and when we do that everything seems to fall in



Photograph by Tracy Maple

Sophomore Ashley Bentz scored four goals in the Regals 11-8 win over Whittier on Saturday, including three consecutive scores over a three-minute span in the fourth period.

place," Rond said.

The family of CLU donor, Bob Samuelson, was in attendance for the game and was honored before the game.

Samuelson was one of the most generous donors in the history of CLU. He died in February

after a battle with cancer at age 81.

The Regals opened the 2008 season with seven consecutive losses and have since won 13 of their last 17 games.

After their first round bye at the SCIAC Championships,

CLU will host the winner of the contest between Occidental and Redlands.

The Regals first action in the championships will be on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. as they look to extend a seven-game win streak.

Young Kingsmen to host SCIAC No. 5

By Chad Acerboni
STAFF WRITER

Every year there are teams around the nation that are involved in their season, but looking forward to the next one.

With seven freshmen, four sophomores and only two juniors, the California Lutheran University men's golf team finds itself in that category.

"This year was a building year for us because we lost a number of good players last year and gained seven freshmen," freshman Eric Bunge said. "Next year is looking good for us because the freshmen showed a lot of talent and potential this year and considering we tend to improve with every match that we play, I'm definitely looking forward to next season."

On Thursday, the Kingsmen will head to their Sterling Hills home course for one of three home events this season.

"This is the last tournament before the conference championship and it's our turn to host, so it's a huge deal," head coach Jeff Lindgren said. "It's our course

and it's a course that we practice and play at all the time so I hope we play well."

Home course advantage is always good especially when looking to make a run up the SCIAC standings.

"I feel like we should play pretty well," freshman Joshua Knight said. "There are some really good teams in the SCIAC this year, but our team plays this course for practice and knows the course better than anyone else so we should have a little edge over the other teams."

With one match in SCIAC to go, the Kingsmen look to make a push at getting into the top three with a strong performance.

"I hoped coming into the year that we would finish first," Knight said. "After the first couple tournaments we hadn't played up to our potential. I feel like we could jump as high as No. 3 by the end of the year with a strong finish in the SCIAC No. 5 and conference championship."

Competing well in this tournament could help the Kingsmen gain more confidence, not only for their last and final tournament at the SCIAC championships, but

also for momentum going into next season.

"It's a one day, 36-hole tournament," Lindgren said. "In the conference standings we are in fifth so we have our work cut out for us. Finishing first at Sterling Hills would definitely help us in the standings."

Reapplying the season, the Kingsmen had their best finish at the third SCIAC tournament of the year, finishing fourth at the Sierra La Verne Country Club.

Garrett Teichmann shot the low for the day with a 3-over par, 74.

In addition, Cameron Hurdus shot a 75 and Knight finished with a 78.

In addition to playing on golf courses throughout Southern California, they were able to travel to a couple other states to swing the clubs.

"We had the opportunity to travel to Georgia and Texas," Knight said. "It was cool because it gave me a look at how different the golf courses and the culture are in the South because I had never been there before. It's something I look forward to doing again next year."

This Week in CLU Sports

Thursday, April 24

Golf SCIAC No. 5 (Sterling Hills), 11:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis at Ojai Tournament

Men's Tennis at Ojai Tournament

Friday, April 25

Track and Field at SCIAC Prelims, 3:45 p.m.

Baseball vs. Pomona-Pitzer, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Women's Water Polo SCIAC Tournament

Baseball at Pomona-Pitzer, 11 a.m. - DH

Softball vs. Occidental, 12 p.m. - DH

Track and Field at SCIAC Finals, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Women's Water Polo SCIAC Tournament

Monday, April 28

Golf at SCIAC Championships:

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Brown hopeful for upcoming year

By Kyle Smithe

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Having a lasting impact on campus will be the main focus for Andrew Brown, the newly elected Associated Students California Lutheran University president.

A multimedia major and a member of ASCLU-G his freshman and sophomore year, he will serve his term as student body president from tomorrow to April 2009.

"I think the most satisfying thing will be a year from now seeing that I made a difference," Brown said.

Part of him being the student body president means he will be a member of the Board of Regents.

The first way he plans to leave a lasting impact, he said, is creating a customer-based relationship between ASCLU-G and the student body, so all students' needs and wants can be heard.

Brown also plans on informing students where tuition money that funds ASCLU-G is spent and vows to use this money in the most economical way possible.

Letting students know a projected cost of total tuition while at CLU is another way



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Andrew Brown stands alongside the Enormous Luther as he prepares for the upcoming year. Brown will begin duties as ASCLU-G president tomorrow.

he hopes to impact the campus, believing this will enable students to pay for their education more efficiently.

"It's an honor to be a face for students to these men and women that students don't normally meet with," Brown said about being a voting member on the Board of Regents.

His involvement with the Regents allows him to represent students and empower their voices and opinions on where

they think money should be spent on campus.

Brown decided to run for ASCLU-G president mainly because he thought it would be something he would really enjoy doing.

While on the campaign trail, he admitted feeling like the underdog after taking a year off as a member of ASCLU-G to pursue an internship.

"I took a step back and I think it hurt me in the campaign,"

Brown said. "I was kind of a hidden object in student government."

With his term as president approaching he is beginning to realize some of the challenges he will face as student body president.

"Time management is a huge thing," Brown said. "Your mornings start at eight and don't end till midnight."

He admitted school is a challenge with the long hours, but commented that being student body president is a priority for him next year.

Brown will have high expectations being the student body president during CLU's 50th anniversary as a university and will use the special occasion to try and change student's minds about student government.

"I think the hardest challenge will be to take students and their minds and change them about student government," he said.

Once his duty as ASCLU-G president is over and graduation has passed, Brown plans to use his multimedia degree and pursue his dream to become an international film editor.

His plan of uniting the student body with ASCLU-G will leave a lasting impact on the campus of CLU.

CLU students get political for rally

By Candice Cerro

STAFF WRITER

Students painted the quad red, white and blue the morning of April 1 with a political awareness rally and a mock election.

Pi Sigma Alpha, California Lutheran University's political science honor society, organized the event to bring political awareness and interest to CLU's campus.

"The reasons for a lack of political interest on campus are somewhat unclear to me," said event chair Eric Herskovitz.

"Usually, college students rally around political causes. I believe the problem is that students need more opportunities to energize political activism."

The Conejo Valley Democrats and Republicans were present to distribute literature on their party and register people to vote.

These groups also had sign-up sheets for volunteers in local campaigns and the presidential election.

"Events like this are crucial

to involving the students in the political process," Herskovitz said. "The biggest obstacle we faced when planning this was to get the student body energized and eager to attend."

Students were able to vote in a mock election run by the CLU club, Democracy Matters.

Students also selected on the ballot whether they identified themselves as moderate, liberal or conservative and they were able to identify political topics of the most importance to them.

Roughly 85 people filled out the mock ballot and Barack Obama won with an overwhelming majority of 54 votes.

John McCain came in second with 17. Of those polled, 44 students consider themselves to be liberal, 26 are moderate and 14 are conservative.

"I think at this important time in our nation's history the youth need to bond together and vote no matter who the candidate," said Pi Sigma Alpha president Stefanie Lucas.

The economy, healthcare, education and human rights ranked

among the most important topics to CLU students.

While perusing the different booths available, students were also able to view political speeches by candidates McCain, Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Students were able to express their views on the presidential candidates and hot topics, such as war, on large pieces of paper provided by the club specially for the purpose of allowing a forum on campus to express political views.

"It was great to see so many students come out and get information on the candidates and register to vote. Pi Sigma Alpha hopes to hold more events like this in the future," Lucas said.

Pi Sigma Alpha plans to do more events like this next year as the election draws closer to get CLU students thinking about and involved in the political process.

For more information about Pi Sigma Alpha contact Haco Hoang at hhoang@clunet.edu.



Photo courtesy of Carrie Kelly

Students show support for their candidates of choice.

Trinity Hall lounge to be senior class gift

By Rich Culp

STAFF WRITER

All it takes to get your name on a plaque at the new Trinity Hall is \$15,000. The senior class of 2008 has raised more than \$8,000 so far to have the naming privileges to the new lounge.

The gift marks the first time any class at California Lutheran University has been given the opportunity to have a lounge named after them.

The senior class of 2008 has raised the money for the naming rights to the new 220-bedroom residence hall lounge. Trinity Hall will be located where the facility building is located.

Construction of the hall will begin this summer, along with the construction of the new lounge.

The senior class has raised a far greater amount than any other senior gift donation.

"Any senior who donates to the senior gift will have their name on a plaque that will hang in the lounge forever," said senior Dana Randolph, who is heading up the donation and student gift project.

The senior class was accepting donations all last week, with a table set up near the flagpole. It was encouraged that every senior donates \$20.08 and if every senior participates, the goal of \$15,000 will be reached.

"Being able to leave a mark on CLU is a pretty cool way of being remembered," senior Nick Davy said.

Pledges are being accepted for the senior naming privileges and will be accepted for up to five years.

"This is a really cool project because no other class has been given an opportunity like this before and I really think our class will pull through," Randolph said.

The senior class project isn't all about the money though, it's about getting everyone to participate and get every senior involved.

"Ultimately, our goal isn't so much about the 15,000



Photograph provided by Amador Whittle Architects

The Senior class of '08 will be the first class to have a lounge named after them.

dollars, as much as it is about getting every senior in our class's name on the plaque," Randolph said.

In addition to turning in donations to the SUB front desk any member of the Senior Pride Committee is able to accept donations.

Many ideas were submitted for a senior gift.

The Senior Pride Committee took all of these ideas into consideration and decided on the lounge.

"That is a really unique way of leaving your mark at CLU and it's something that will be around forever," Ashley Perryman said.

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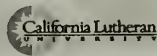


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Dean of School of Education to retire

After 46 years on the job, Dr. Terry Cannings has left an impression on his students and the campus of California Lutheran University.

By Linsey Mead and Brittany Anderson
SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Dr. Terry Cannings, dean of California Lutheran University's School of Education, will retire in May after 46 years in education.

The last 27 years Cannings has been working in the states, serving 21 years at Pepperdine University and three years at Azusa Pacific University as its dean of education.

He then moved on to CLU, where he has for the past three years served as the dean of the school of education.

Born and raised in Australia, he completed much of his schooling and began his teaching career in his hometown.

His first job in 1962 was as a fourth grade teacher in Sydney; following that he

was a school principal for many years.

CLU has a solid reputation and is on the constant upswing when it comes to his department.

As dean, Cannings, 65, oversees the School of Education and all of the programs it offers.

"Make sure it is moving in the right direction, we have a vision, and everyone is on board for that vision," he said.

Cannings thinks it's imperative not only to build on this reputation, but also to continue to produce the best teachers, leaders and counselors.

Since joining the university staff he has worked to develop three new programs: the Doctorate program for Higher Education Leadership, the Liberal Studies major and the boutique program that specializes in teaching the deaf and hard of hearing.

"Seeing the students walk across the stage of commencement knowing they are going to make a difference in the lives of children is most rewarding," Cannings said.

Part of what makes him so different in his teaching is his passion for learning from other countries and how they handle the same situations we face everyday.

One of his greatest joys is passing this knowledge to potential leaders.

"Learning doesn't just take place in a four-wall classroom," Cannings said.

He said he appreciates taking members of the K-12 Leadership Program overseas to learn and absorb the methods and techniques used by other cultures, seeing first hand how they work in the classroom.

Sheryl Knox, a former student of

Cannings, participated in one of his overseas trips that traveled to England, Norway and Denmark and experienced first hand what it was like to teach in another country.

"I really feel lucky to have met him and lucky to be involved with a program that allowed me to explore other methods of education," she said. "One week of that experience changed how I look at education."

Cannings said that convincing and introducing this added knowledge from those in other societies has been a challenge because not all faculty members understand how students can learn from other countries.

He agrees with the message conveyed in Thomas L. Friedman's book, "The World is Flat," in the sense that the U.S. school system has slept for 30 years and it is necessary changes to create knowledgeable global citizens who can positively influence the minds of our young people.



Dr. Cannings

Workshop prepares for school crisis situations

School of Education hosts course on crisis management

By Matt Matasei
NEWS EDITOR

In response to the fatal shooting of an elementary school student in Oxnard, the Department of Education hosted a workshop last Saturday to prepare students for crisis situations.

Dr. Gail Uellendahl, the director of the counseling and guidance program, said the workshop, "Responding to Critical Incidents in Educational Settings," was designed to prepare school counseling and college student personnel candidates to get use to the Critical Incident Stress Management model to defuse and debrief groups of students involved in traumas.

Some of these traumas include school shootings, unexpected deaths and natural disasters.

About 100 people were in attendance for the workshop, including graduate students and community members.

"Professor Lisa Buono, professor Diana Stephens and I decided to design this training opportunity following the recent fatal shootings of

a middle school student in Oxnard and the increase of violent incidents at college campuses across the country," Uellendahl said.

The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation describes CISM as a comprehensive, integrative, multi-component crisis intervention system.

It is useful not only in the case of classroom crises, but also in any situation requiring quick action by those in charge.

The workshop began with Dr. Jim Graves giving instruction on CISM. In the afternoon, Gene Bennett trained school counselors with the Violent Intruder Police Educator Response.

Phil Mullendore trained college student personnel participants on campus safety and preparedness.

Dr. Terry Cannings, dean of the School of Education, provided budgetary support for the workshop.

For more information, contact Gail Uellendahl at (805) 493-3080 or uellenda@callutheran.edu.



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James Graves, Ph.D., leads a mock debriefing scenario with three volunteers from the audience.

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SUNDAY May 4	MONDAY May 5	TUESDAY May 6	NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEEK...
<p>Mainstage 3: Ohio 2 p.m. Preus-Brandt Forum</p> <p>The University Symphony: 21st Century Ravel 2 p.m. Samuelson Chapel</p>	<p>Second Annual Deborah Sills Memorial Lecture 10 a.m. Samuelson Chapel</p>	<p>"If I could be a bird, I think I'd be a penguin, because then I could walk around on two feet with a lot of other guys like me."</p> <p>-Deep Thoughts, by Jack Handey</p>	<p>GRADUATION! <i>Congratulations Class of 2008!</i></p>

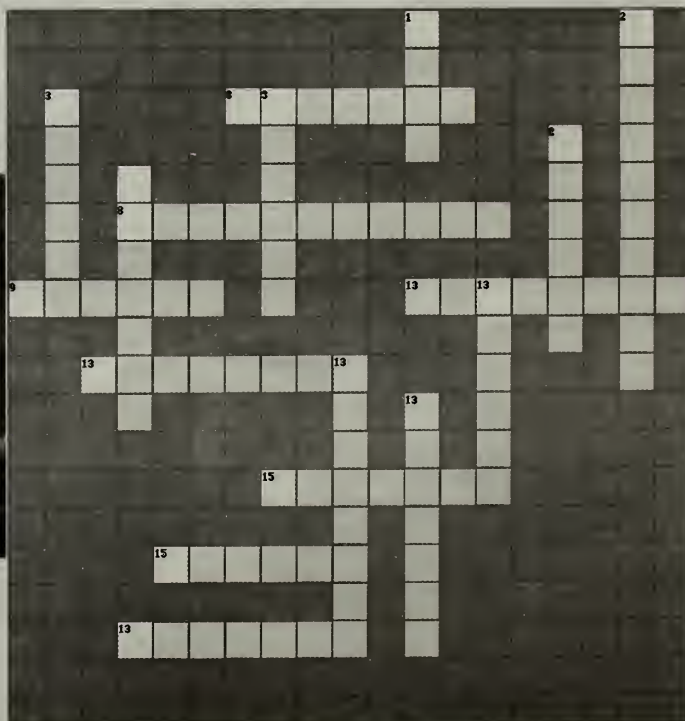
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- Popular summer fruit often seen at picnics
- The Spanish word for summer
- Location of the 2004 Summer Olympics
- Local beach town where Pepperdine is located
- Commonly worn summer footwear
- This can be done on water or snow
- A favorite summer pastime usually done in the pool or ocean
- Location of the 2008 Summer Olympics



Across

- Popular summer pastime, typically seen on the East Coast. A type of boat must be used.
- Sang School's Out (For Summer) (2 words)
- The popular BBQ food served on a bun (2 words)
- Professional sport that runs through the summer
- These games are played every 4 years in the summer
- Popular summer activity often done in tents
- Island state that gets a lot of summer visitors
- Popular water sport at the beach



Senior art show on display in Kwan Fong Gallery

Work in art capstone from graduating students shown on campus through May 16

By Brittney Danielle Kennell

STAFF WRITER

The best work of senior art majors in their capstone class is on display in the Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture.

Work from Crayola drawings to 6-foot paintings on boards of wood was shown at the show's opening this Saturday.

"I am an art minor, and I personally love Krista Planinac's work," said senior Amy Vogt.

"I love her colors. She makes her paintings look like Polaroid's and she does an amazing job; I especially like her piece, 'Juicy.'"

Planinac spoke about her work and where she receives her motivation and artistic inspiration.

"My inspiration comes from the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky," she said. "He uses vibrant colors to express his emotions."

Planinac is hopeful to return to the art school she studied at in Italy after graduation to get her Master's of Fine Arts.

At the opening, artists expressed the many facets of their best and most favorite works, which were chosen out

of many pieces to be on display.

"My favorite piece I made is called 'Creation,' which is a uterus," senior Erin Kim said.

"Inside it is smooth, representative of the way life is before we are born and in contrast, it is rough and textured outside the uterus representing the way life is outside the womb."

Kim has been pursuing her craft since a young age and plans to continue long after her years at CLU are completed.

"My favorite thing to do is paint," she said. "I have been painting with oils since I was 11 years old, and every year I see my work mature."

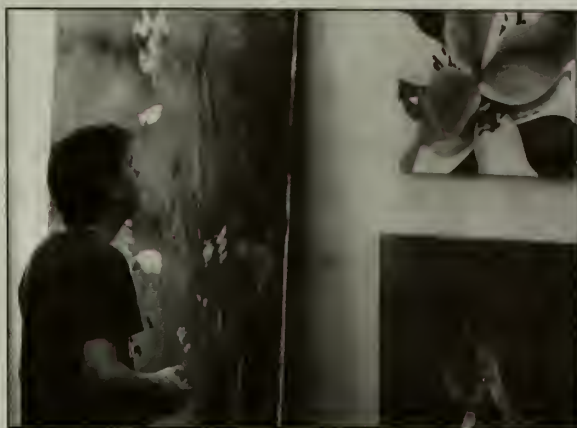
Kim will graduate in December and hopes to attend Otis College or Cal Arts for her master's degree in art.

"My favorite part of the show is the color and shape of the pieces," said Tiffany Slattum.

"I don't have a favorite piece this year because everyone's work brings something so unique to the table."

Slattum has three pieces being shown in the gallery.

"My work is in crayon. It is nostalgic. It makes you remember why you love to draw. It reminds you of when you were a little kid and used cray-



Photograph by Rob LeBaron

Artwork from senior art students will be on display in the Kwan Fong Gallery of Art and Culture through May 16.

ons," Slattum said.

Previously graduated CLU art majors made an appearance at the show, including 2007 graduate Ben Hengst.

"I'm here because I know a lot of the people showing their work," he said.

"It's good to see the development of

their art, there is a greater variety this year and a greater quality too."

Hengst plans to attend the New York Academy of Art starting this fall.

The show will continue through May 16 in the Kwong Fong Gallery, located in the Soiland Humanities Building.

Neilson named interim provost

By Kevin Holt and Kyle Smith

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Teaching students instead of treating patients motivated a career change for California Lutheran University's new interim provost.

Dr. Leanne Neilson was named interim provost and vice president of academic affairs for CLU. She is the associate provost for graduate and adult programs and accreditation.

"I thought I would enjoy teaching on the side," Neilson said. She originally worked as a licensed clinical psychologist.

Dr. Chris Kimball, the former provost and vice president of academic affairs, began his official duties as CLU's seventh president on April 1, allowing Neilson to take over his previous position. A national search for a permanent provost will begin in the fall.

After receiving her bachelor's degree and doctorate in psychology at Pepperdine University, Neilson worked at Camarillo State Hospital, which is now the location of California State University, Channel Islands.

She eventually told her supervisor, Dr. Tim Kuehnle, that she was interested in the chair of the psychology department at CLU.

A few months after applying for a teaching job at CLU, she



Photograph by Doug Barnett

Dr. Leanne Neilson

came to teach psychology from 1993-2004.

In 2004, she was offered the position of associate provost for graduate and adult programs and accreditation at CLU and has held this position until being appointed the interim provost.

"I think she'll be a good interim because she's open to others ideas and opinions," said Tom Hoener, executive director of graduate and adult enrollment. Hoener, who has worked with Neilson for six months at CLU, also said she has a lot of integrity and is very honest and truthful.

"She is by the book, but fair and understanding," Beth Cooper, Neilson's assistant while she was an associate provost, said. Cooper described Neilson

to be the perfect choice as CLU's interim provost.

Neilson's path to a career in education may have been sparked in her youth when her father, Dr. Morris Womack, was a faculty member in the communication department at Pepperdine University.

Her mother, Ada Womack, who also worked at Pepperdine University, may have influenced Neilson to work as an educator as well.

Among her responsibilities, Neilson led CLU through the 10-year process of receiving accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

This accreditation has declared CLU as a university that exceeds normal higher education standards and ensures that the curriculum taught to students is relevant.

As an undergraduate student in college, Neilson found herself with no idea of what she wanted to major in.

"I was undeclared forever in college, but when I took my first psych class, I loved it," Neilson said.

At first, Neilson thought she would enjoy teaching in her spare time, but a career in education seemed to fall into place and provide opportunities she never imagined it would.

Movie Review: 'Shine the Light'

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

The art of music and the exuberance of one of the great rock 'n' roll bands combined becomes a visual masterpiece in "Shine the Light."

Director Martin Scorsese presents the Rolling Stones in a rare scene: a two-hour concert in the fall of 2006 at the Beacon Theater in New York at a Bill Clinton benefit.

The movie stars all four band members: Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ron Wood.

It features special guest appearances by Christina Aguilera and blues legends Buddy Guy and Jack White III.

The Rolling Stones perform a majority of their classic hits and even some previously unperformed songs.

There is a surreal moment when Richards takes the microphone from Jagger and belts out vocals for two songs.

Sitting in the movie chair, it hits you, realizing that you are seeing a once-in-a-lifetime concert for only the small price of a movie ticket.

It's an unbelievable feeling to see such a historic rock band and the industry's best directors team up for this type of project.

With Scorsese's brilliance in directing and the Rolling Stones' stunning talent, the movie captures the beauty of the music and the visual appearance of the band and their instruments.

The film is only being shown in select theaters in New York, Los Angeles and other major cities.

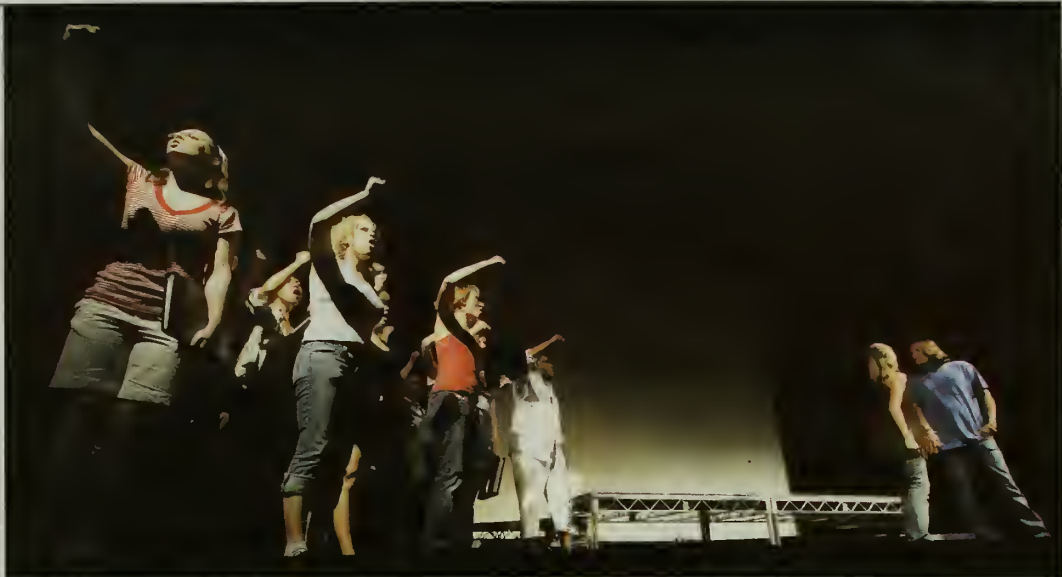
I traveled to the ArcLight Hollywood cinemas to view this film, and it was well worth the distance.

It's filled with laughter, as Scorsese and the Rolling Stones argue over how bright the lights can be or else Jagger will burn up.

It's an experience unlike any other - two hours of the legends of rock, The Rolling Stones, performing in a hallowed venue in front of an ex-president, celebrities and their biggest fans.

Unlike their explosive hit, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," this film gives you satisfaction and a whole lot more.

The Cast of "Ohio" performs a protest scene Sunday night.



Protest rocks the stage

By Krystle Mataras

STAFF WRITER

Four students were shot nearly four decades ago at Kent State University in an event that fueled the nationwide revolt against the Vietnam War.

California Lutheran University theatre arts department will be bringing the tragedy to the stage with the presentation of Ken Gardner's original musical "Ohio" starting tomorrow night at the Preus-Brandt Forum.

The shooting, which took place in Ohio, involved the shooting of students was by members of the Ohio National Guard during a protest against the American invasion of Cambodia.

"The show started out as a straight play that Ken Gardner, our writer and director, envisioned several years ago," said freshman Kelly Derouin, who plays Cally.

"He wanted to present a story based on the true events of Kent State that would poignantly appeal to a

college audience and show how violence only begets more violence and takes us further away from peace."

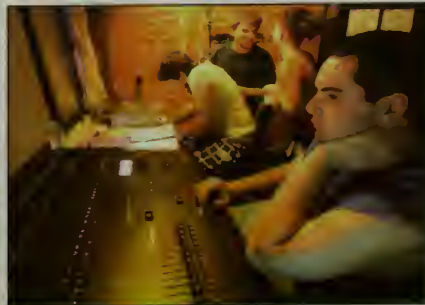
The musical begins with President Richard Nixon's announcement of the invasion of Cambodia on April 30, 1970 and follows the elements leading up to the tragic killings on May 4.

"It's required a lot of individual work but several of us have really stepped up to the plate and I think I've learned an incredible amount from our director and my fellow actors and cast members," Derouin said.

"Ohio" will be presented on May 1, 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and May 4 at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$10 and free with CLU I.D.

Kelly Derouin, who plays Cally and Noah Skultety, who plays Bobby work on a scene.



Above: Director/writer Ken Gardner gives stage directions at rehearsal. Left: David du Rocher controls the lightboard at tech rehearsal.

Photos by Doug Barnett

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Faculty examines literary works

By Alanna Clunen

STAFF WRITER

Books and Brew, a California Lutheran University community program in which faculty review noteworthy books, returned on April 24 in a discussion of "The Piano Teacher" by Elfriede Jelinek.

The program, in its second year, focuses on the effect a book and reading can have on a person's life.

"Books and Brew is a program that believes that reading good books is central to human experience. When we read a good book, our minds and hearts are engaged, and we have the potential to expand who we are," said English professor Dr. Jim Bond.

"The program seeks to draw from faculty talent by relying on the interests and strengths of faculty volunteers who wish to share their knowledge of a particular book with a diverse audience."

The program is directed toward the students, faculty and community.

"I came to quite a few of the sessions last year," said Sue Rosecrans of Newbury Park. "I missed the one last month, however. I think it is a wonder-



Photograph by Nichol Costa

Dr. Christopher Christian leads a discussion on "The Piano Teacher" at Books and Brew on Thursday.

ful program. It is interesting to hear about the books and discuss them."

The session was lead by Dr. Christopher Christian, director of community counseling services.

He provided not only an in-depth review of the novel in a discussion entitled "The Piano Teacher: a Case Study in Pervasion and Masochism," but also provided a psychoanalytic interpretation of the novel.

"After watching the movie, directed by Michael Haneke, I decided to read the book, and I found it equally disturbing in how it portrayed the severe

psychopathology of a woman," Christian said.

The book, which earned Jelinek the 1986 Heinrich Boll Prize, provides a deeper look into female perversions, which rarely come to the attention of readers because perversions are mostly seen as male phenomena.

The last session of Books and Brew will be on May 1 at 4 p.m. in the Roth Nelson room.

"Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know - and Doesn't," by Stephen Prothero, will be discussed by Dr. Paul Egertson of the Religion Department.

Shakespeare group teach young students

By Brittany Anderson

STAFF WRITER

Elementary schools around Ventura County are learning the importance of the arts through The Kingsmen Shakespeare Co.

The company first toured 10 years ago. This year, they toured 17 schools in Conejo Valley, Moorpark, Fillmore and Ventura, playing to more than 5,000 elementary school students. It brings workshops and a 50-minute performance to the schools.

They visit classrooms K-6, but mostly work with grades 3-5. The actors arrive in the morning and spend their day visiting classrooms.

The company conducts workshops that are designed to introduce the kids to William Shakespeare's life, work and language through discussion and interactive games and activities.

The idea of the workshops is to get the kids excited for the performance later in the day.

This year's show is a shortened version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Brett Elliot.

"I try to design the show with two goals in mind: to entertain and to educate," he said. "In an effort to expose them to Shakespeare's work, we don't rewrite his verse. We don't want to dumb it down, but we do take every chance we get to physicalize the action and highlight the comedy."

Although the work is shortened, aside from a brief introductory prologue that introduces the show and the characters, there is no change to the text and they do not try to modernize it.

"Shakespeare was meant to be performed, and that became the center of our workshops and our performances," said drama professor Michael Arndt.

Arndt believes that kids in elementary school do not have the negative views of Shakespeare that many high school students and adults have.

The younger students are able to see the fun of the poetry. They are not intimidated by the language and are able to follow the action and characters in the stories.

For many of these students, it is their first encounter with Shakespeare, so the company likes to make it a fun one.

"This is the way [Shakespeare] himself would have wanted and something that will keep them coming back," Elliot said. "This program is unique, because it brings authentic Shakespeare to young kids, which is rare."

The group's members believe that there is not enough emphasis on the arts at this stage of education.

"The arts are generally seen as an extra in many schools and not as an integral part of learning," Arndt said. "The arts emphasize creativity and connections between the life and the mind. Theatre activities can be integrated into all aspects of learning and because it provides active learning. The outcomes are lasting ones."

The Kingsmen Shakespeare Co. is a professional theatre company. It is comprised of six actors and teachers and a professional stage manager.

The actors are all members of the Actors Equity Association.

"As performers of Shakespeare, we possess a unique perspective on and passion for his work, and it is our goal to share that love with the kids, to plant the seeds for a lifetime of enjoyment," Elliot said.

The company just wrapped up their tour series, but will bring more Shakespeare to the schools of Ventura County next year.

Campus Quotes

What is your perfect Sunday?



Megan Hinman, 2009

"Painting in front of the streambed."

Ari Krakmo, 2008

"Hung over with some Carl's Jr."



Allison Pond, 2011

"Laying out on the beach with my friends."

Ryan McDermott, 2009

"Intramural sports."



Quinn Rossi, 2008

"Sleep in a little bit, then read the paper and have a bagel with cream cheese with coffee."

Megan Lowery, 2008

"Going for a long run in Chesebro trail."



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Love advice

Final thoughts on love and dating



By Brandon Graham

COLUMNIST

Last week while scouring through godaddy.com looking for a name for a Web site I'm creating, Dr. Dru Pagliassotti and I came to an alarming discovery. As luck would have it, the name Dr. Love is actually trademarked by some middle-aged relationship therapist with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

I'm sure most of you don't even know what words like "therapist," "psychology" and "Ph.D." even mean.

I know I sure as hell don't.

But alas, I have been informed that it would be in my best interest for a name change.

So, California Lutheran University, I now give to you my new moniker: Captain Passion.

Rolls off the tongue, right? It's powerful yet sensitive, just like me.

That being said, I have also been told that this is the final issue of The Echo for the 2007-2008 school year. Since I am graduating in just two weeks, this means that what you are reading is my final love advice column.

Take a deep breath. We're going to get through this. I must say that I have grown quite fond of this weekly conversation on the subject of love and dating. This has been nothing short of an incredible experience that I am eternally grateful for.

I would be remorseful if I didn't leave you with some advice before I take a final bow.

So, here now a final tutorial on the do's and don'ts of the dating world.

I must say I have grown quite fond of this weekly conversation on the subject of love and dating.

Men

Do: Make dinner reservations.

This doesn't need to happen every time you take a girl out, however the occasional plan ahead does wonders. You should see a woman's face light up when I walk over to the hostess and say, "Graham, party of two."

Don't: Wear puka shell necklaces. Just stop.

Do: Buy her flowers.

This doesn't just have to be a Valentine's Day item. Surprise her every once in a while. I know they can be expensive and have a shelf life of two days, but women go bananas for flora. Plus Ralph's has a pretty legit collection of roses for under \$30. Just remember to take the sticker off before giving them to her.

Don't: Ask a girl out via facebook. Classless.

Do: Ask for her opinion.

I once asked a girl what color shirt I should wear to a dinner party, white or off-white?

She nearly came to tears. Who knew an off-white oxford had that type of power. Make her know that you value her input.

Don't: Wear Ed Hardy hats. Lame.

Women

Do: Watch a sporting event with him.

There is a misconception that men dislike it when women sit down and watch a football game with them. We would love your company we could just do without the irrelevant comments, i.e. No. 24 is hot, and the purple team is being mean to that guy.

Don't: Flirt aimlessly.

If you have an interest in him, by all means, charm until your heart is content. But if you don't have the slightest intention of taking the next step, we ask that you politely turn down mixed messages machine.

Do: Invest in a jersey style T-shirt or those baseball style three quarters length sleeve T's.

There's something about women wearing these tops that is just plain sexy.

Don't: Wear your hair the same way everyday.

The last thing you want to be labeled as is "the pony tail girl" or "the girl with the bangs." Variation is a good thing. Head band one day, straightened the next, big curls another, you get the idea.

Do: Keep your independence.

Keep doing what you enjoy. The time you spend with your girlfriends shouldn't be compromised for your man. If you love "One Tree Hill" and he doesn't, don't feel forced into giving it up. Losing your identity is the worst thing you could possibly do.

Don't: Grind up on other girls on the dance floor.

Let me put the rumors to rest; men do not find it arousing to see you dance in that manner.

So there you have it, just a few last minute pearls of wisdom before I make my exit.

I hope that you enjoyed the column over this past year and maybe, just maybe, you may have picked up a tip or two.

Make sure to go out and buy my new book about dating. It should be in stores as soon as I start writing it and find a publisher.

It has been my pleasure serving you.

I love you,
Brandon Graham
Aka Captain Passion
Formerly known as Dr. Love

College Night at Borderline

The dance team invites you to attend a 1980's themed party. This is the last fund raiser of the semester for the Dance Team

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Letters to the Editor

This letter is in response to Brittney Danielle Kennett's article, "Lutheranism is lost at CLU" featured in the April 16 edition of The Echo.

By Missy Bain

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

I was deeply offended by this article and the California Lutheran University student bashing taking place within it. Not being an athlete myself, I can't even imagine how they must have felt reading this.

It is true that CLU is a Lutheran based university, but I believe that one of the things that is so amazing about Cal Lu is the fact that it can attract not only Lutherans, but people of all other religions, or lack thereof.

To say that Cal Lu should either "become entirely independent of its Lutheran middle name or choose to fully embrace its religious background" is to show a complete unacceptance of those

not believing the same as you.

Even people who love God and choose to live their lives serving him can show up at a party and be a sociable college student.

And that, I must say, is a shame.

CLU thrives because of its diversity and acceptance of all students regardless of race, gender, ethnicity and even religion. If we were to "choose to fully embrace our religious background," we would be denying our students the diversity they need to become well-rounded, accepting individuals.

I am very sorry that you perceive CLU athletes to be alcoholic druggies that do nothing but lay around and "blast \$%#^ the police" music.

I strongly disagree with this statement and quite frankly, wonder how you can make such an unjustified rationalization.

All of the athletes I know care about a lot of other things than just their sport or their alcohol. They are in honor societies and are active on campus in many other ways. Athleticism should not be correlated with alcoholism.

I think the key thing you have to remember is that even religious people drink alcohol. Even people who love God and choose to live their lives serving him can show up at a party and be a sociable college student.

I honestly do not believe that any of these students will take up drinking and drugs because they went to Cal Lutheran and it corrupted their Christian lives.

I strongly believe that CLU gives ample opportunity to grow spiritually through events, chapel services and guest speakers. But, it also respects the fact that not all people are the same and not all people are Lutheran.

CLU is an amazing, well-rounded university because of the diversity of its students and their beliefs and it should not be

demeaned for its open mind.

As far as the drugs and alcohol, these things will be found at every university anywhere you go.

I am not saying that it is right or wrong, but I do not believe that CLU fosters an encouraging environment for these substances.

The bottom line is that drugs and alcohol do not define this university or the people in it. Not even the athletes.

If going to CLU is too diverse for you, too open-minded, too accepting or full of too many "drunken athletes," then I am sure they all would have no problem if you just started searching for that "engaging monastery" you were looking for in the first place.

Athleticism should not be correlated with alcoholism.

Maybe instead of working harder to "accept people who

know what being Christian means," CLU should work harder to accept people with open minds and a willingness to accept others as they are, no matter how different they are from you.

And the funny thing is if you were really paying so much attention to our athletes you would know that we are actually a NCAA D-III school.

For The Record

Note:

This is the final issue of the Echo for volume 51.

“If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.”

Mya Angelou (1928 -)

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Letters to the Editor

By Laura Bebinger

STAFF WRITER

As a graduating senior at California Lutheran University, I've had a lot of experiences in the past four years to look back on and remember. The best experience, by far, that I have had at CLU was the opportunity to study abroad for my entire junior year.

I spent the first semester in Australia, specifically at Bond University on the Gold Coast. The second semester I was in Hamilton, New Zealand, at the University of Waikato. Each semester holds so many different memories for me, and I strongly believed that my experiences abroad changed me into the person I am today.

I remember being in the sophomore "slump," knowing you still have two years left at CLU, yet being incredibly fed up with the "Lu Vine" and all the drama that does come hand-in-hand with such a small student body living in close quarters.

I had no idea what I wanted to do. I just knew that the upcoming summer break was too short for me.

That's when I decided to study abroad.

The CLU Study Abroad Office is one of the best-run offices on campus and that's a high recognition for a school that is very student-friendly and helpful.

The Study Abroad Office at CLU was there for every step and every question and really does help returning students with acclimating back to the CLU life.

Being abroad, no matter what country you go to, does open your eyes to a completely different way of life. Whether it's a country in which you have to learn a different language or not, you learn something from each experience.

I met my best friends in Australia and an amazing person in New Zealand, and each encounter I had with those people and others changed my life for the better.

Coming back to CLU was exciting, and it made me appreciate my senior year here even more. I wasn't sick of my friends (no offense guys), I wasn't sick of the school work and I couldn't wait to finish out my undergraduate education at CLU.

Studying abroad was the best

decision I have ever made. I don't look back on my time at CLU and see any regrets. All I see were great choices and the best one was studying abroad. I can't stress enough how important it is to travel, especially in this time of our lives. When else will you have a chance to travel without any stress and baggage?

A year of studying abroad is hard, it does weigh on you when you have gone four months without seeing your family and your friends, but it really does make you stronger and happier when you do come back to the United States.

I almost wish that I had another year to study abroad again. Once you start traveling, you never want to stop. There's always a new place, a new event, a new thing you want to see and do. If there's one thing I can say to students that are remaining at CLU it would be to study abroad.

There's nothing better you can do during your college years that still contributes to the class aspect of school, and no better way to spend a semester than in a place you've never been.

There is life outside of PJ's Pub, and it's a refreshing thing to be apart of.



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By Stephanie Aguilar

PROOFREADER

As a future educator I have many things on my mind about the way our educational systems works and the priorities of school officials. Topics range from the amount of federal funding to charter schools, to bilingual

education. Bilingual education has always had a negative stigma attached to it for many of reasons. Many do not agree with this form of education simply because of ignorance of the topic and because of the anti-immigration attitudes that they may possess.

School officials have fought for many years to expel this program from schools and have been quite successful. Few schools throughout the Los Angeles area still provide the program, but it is not at the caliber that it needs to be and the only true reason

that they do still exist is because parents must fight school administrative for them.

Bilingual education has been proven to be an effective way of educating those whose native language is not English.

I firmly believe in bilingual education and hope to one day shed more positive light on it. Bilingual education assists students in learning English through educating them with their primary language first.

When students are given the background knowledge it allows

them to succeed in learning English. The background knowledge allows them to comprehend the English language more effectively. Another advantage of educating students in their primary language is the way the literacy transfers over to when learning the new language.

The theory behind the bilingual controversy has been statistically proven. Dr. Stephen Krashen, a professor at University of Southern California, has been a strong advocate for this form of education. Krashen has written numerous articles and books which thoroughly explain the benefits and the principles.

on tests of English reading. This is a stable result in the research literature. It has been established using scientific, controlled studies, which compare the progress of two groups of children with very similar backgrounds (Krashen 2006).

Another major misconception about the program is how long these children are actually taught in their native language which is not a lot. For the first three school years they are taught primarily in their native language, but in the third grade they are placed in an immersion program which is when they slowly emerge into English-only.

So, these children are given the foundational skills they need to succeed in school. If a student does not speak English and enters kindergarten, how can a person ever imagine that the person is going to succeed?

They are asked to go home and do homework with parents who do not even speak the language. It's simply ridiculous to set these children up for failure which is exactly what is done to them by not allowing them to reap the benefits of the bilingual education program.

I hope that in the near future huge changes can be made within the education field and I hope to be a part of them.

Bilingual education has been proven to be an effective way of educating those whose native language is not English.

An article Krashen wrote in 2006 stated the statistical facts of bilingual education and how students within the program succeed more than the students who are thrown into English-only programs.

"Children in bilingual programs typically do better than children in all-English programs

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Lightning land at CLU

New Los Angeles IBL team playing games on campus

By Chad Acerboni

STAFF WRITER

New facilities tend to attract new things. The Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center on the campus of California Lutheran University is one such example.

Opened in August of 2006, the facility has attracted students, faculty, alumni and neighbors from around the community and now a newly assembled professional basketball team, the Los Angeles Lightning.

The Dallas Cowboys helped put CLU on owner and general manager Mark Harwell's map, and when looking for a venue to house his newly purchased International Basketball League franchise, he came to a place he was familiar with.

"I was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys and they use to play here," Harwell said. "From when I was a kid, I always associated CLU with the Dallas Cowboys and professional sports."

After coming to California from Texas, Harwell decided the area was a good fit for a basketball franchise.

"Later on when I moved out here, I had a lot of friends who lived in Thousand Oaks and Westlake Village area. I loved the neighborhood and loved the people," Harwell said.

"Essentially when I was looking around to place a team, I wanted to put it in this neighborhood and I wanted to give everyone a place where they could come see professional basketball instead of driving down to the Staples Center."

The Lightning play a fast-paced game with a 22-second shot clock, one timeout per quarter and immediate in-bound passes.

Standing two stories high, the 96,000 square foot structure will offer the Lightning all the necessities needed, whether it is locker rooms, weights or the training room.

"They have been so kind and gracious to us," Harwell

said. "We have been working with athletic trainer Kecia Davis and she is taking care of our players, as well as the activities office. Everyone involved has been so kind. The university has welcomed us with open arms and I couldn't be more grateful."

The effects on campus have yet to be felt because the Lightning are just in their third week on campus.

"It's a chance to see professional basketball, with no big-time names," CLU assistant basketball coach Geoff Dains said. "The owner is doing a heck of a job to promote it and trying to get people involved and get the best product available to the community and fans."

The most notable player on the roster for the Lightning is Lamond Murray, who played 11 seasons in the NBA and was taken seventh overall in the NBA draft in 1994.

"The game speed is a lot faster than I expected," CLU athletic trainer Katelynn Thomas said. "Overall, all the players and staff are personable and I enjoy helping out once in a while."

With ticket prices, games being played on Friday and Saturday nights and the school year coming to an end, it might be tough for students to attend games. But Harwell wants students to know that if they bring their CLU I.D. to the game, they get in free.

The Lightning sit at 0-4 in the IBL and look for their first win in this coming weekend. They fell 88-77 on opening night to the Battle Creek Knights despite Murray leading all scorers with 28 points.

They dropped a second game to the Knights the following evening.

Last weekend the Lightning were defeated two more times by the Gary Steelheads, 109-97 and 106-105.

The next game for the Lightning will be played this Friday against the Las Vegas Stars.

Tip-off time is set for 7:30 p.m. and they will host the Stars on Saturday, at 7:30 p.m. as well.



Track and Field teams finish third

By Kevin Baxter

SPORTS EDITOR

After a two-day conference championship event, the California Lutheran University men's and women's track and field teams ran away with third place finishes.

Junior Kyle Hansen landed three first place finishes at the championships and hit NCAA provisional marks with all three victories. His mark of 14.90 was good enough for the top spot in the 110-meter hurdles event. He also won the 400-meter hurdles in 54 seconds flat and was crowned as the long jump champion after leaping 7.02 meters.

Both the men and women finished as champions in the 4 x 100 relay event. The women's team ran a 49.46 time with Brett Cornejo, Kara Komarzewicz, Precious Wheat and Jordan Beber.

The men's team finished its relay in 42.33 as the team of Louis Montano, Jared Nelson, Scott Bcebe and Brian Coan provided a first place finish for CLU.

Peter Vermillion recorded the top finish in the hammer throw with a toss of 48.86 meters. He also finished fourth in the discus event.

Providing a first place finish among the women throwers was Christa Youngern, who won the hammer throw after a mark of 50.28 meters. That cleared the NCAA provisional mark of 46 meters. The sophomore also finished as the SCIAAC champion in the shot put after throwing 12.30 meters.

In the pole vault, Molly Clancy gave the CLU women a second place finish after she cleared 3.35 meters.

Casey Anderson provided another second place for the Regals when she finished the 400-meter hurdles in 65.16 seconds, in just her second time ever competing in the event. She also landed in second of the 100-meter hurdle event, finishing 2-3 along with Cornejo.

Cornejo added a pair of second place finishes in the 100 and 200 meter races.

Beber finished fourth in the 200-meter event and captured second place in the 400-meter.

CLU Athletes of the Week

For the week of April 21 - April 27

Christa Youngern - Women's Track & Field

The sophomore finished as SCIAAC champion in two events at the conference championships last weekend. She won the hammer throw event with a toss of 50.28 meters, clearing the NCAA provisional mark of 46 meters. She also captured the title in the shot put after throwing 12.30 meters. With a second place finish in the discus throw, Youngern grabbed eight points, totaling 28 points earned for the Regals.

Kyle Hansen - Men's Track & Field

The junior finished as champion in three events at the SCIAAC championships last weekend. He won the 110-meter hurdles in 14.90 seconds and the 400-meter hurdles in 54 seconds flat. Along with the hurdle wins, he posted a first place finish in the long jump after a jump of 7.02 meters. All three marks surpassed the NCAA provisional marks.

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Baseball sweeps No. 15 P-P

Kingsmen shock Pomona, send off seniors with three-game series against Whittier

By Scott Beebe

STAFF WRITER

During a sports season, there are always defining moments for a team.

The California Lutheran University baseball team had a couple of those moments last weekend after they swept nationally ranked Pomona-Pitzer in a three-game series and saw sophomore Paul Hartmann hit for the cycle in the first game of the series.

As the season comes to a close, the main focus for the baseball team is to finish strong and build for next year.

This year CLU is hoping to finish the season on a high note with a series win and an above .500 winning percentage in SCIAC.

The Kingsmen will play in their final conference series this weekend against Whittier College.

The Poets sit in sixth place in conference with a record of 15-21-1 overall and 8-10 in SCIAC, just below the Kingsmen who are in fifth with a record of 16-18-1, 10-7.

CLU has an all-time record of 42-7 against the Poets and look to continue their success over Whittier to finish out the season.

In the past three years the Kingsmen have won each of their series against Whittier.

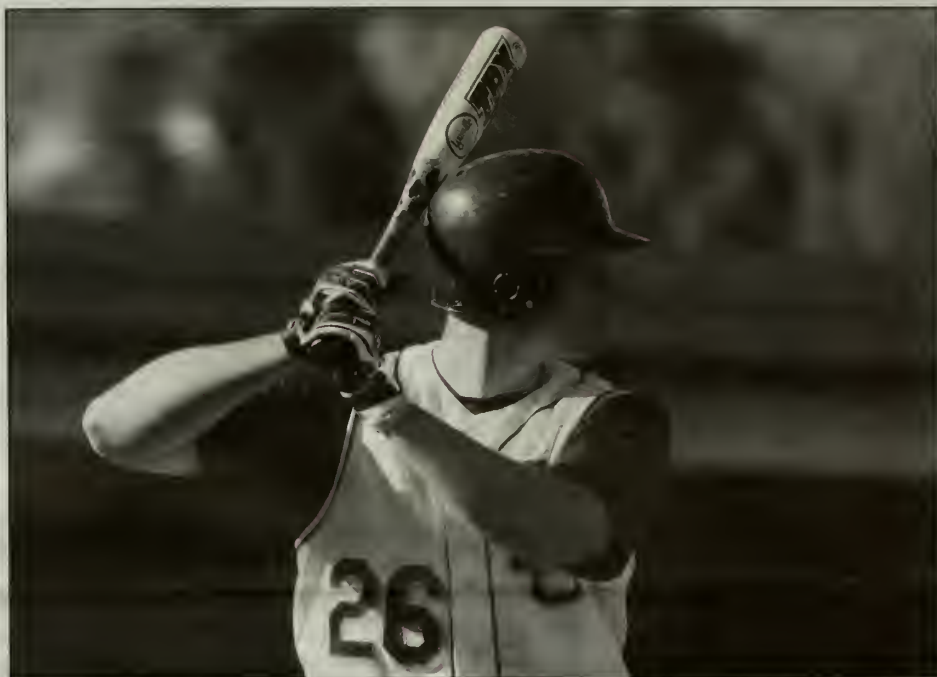
Friday's opener of the three-game set will be the Kingsmen's last home game of the season, with a scheduled starting time of 3 p.m. at George "Sparky" Anderson Field. The concluding two games will be played Saturday in a doubleheader at Whittier with the first game set to begin at 11 a.m.

Senior salute

This series will mark an end of careers for CLU's three seniors, including right fielder Trevor Davidson, catcher Alex Massari and infielder Kevin Graham.

"It's important to go out winners and set ourselves up for next year," head coach Marty Slimak said.

Last weekend the Kingsmen completed a surprising sweep of Pomona-Pitzer, ranked No. 15 in the nation.



Photograph by Kevin Baxter

Sophomore Paul Hartmann hit for the cycle on in a 13-8 win over No. 15 Pomona-Pitzer on Friday. He leads the Kingsmen with a .370 batting average, 11 home runs, 35 RBI, 32 runs and a .699 slugging percentage over 36 games.

After an offensive showcase in a 13-8 win on Friday, CLU came back to sweep the doubleheader 7-6 and 17-9 at Pomona.

In the opening game at CLU, Hartmann hit for the cycle and finished with three RBI and four runs.

Junior pitcher Alex Casillas started the game off with back-to-back strikeouts to put an end to the Sagehens threat in the top of the first.

The first runs came in the top of the third when Pomona scored two runs.

CLU had a chance to counter but it was spoiled by a diving catch by Pomona's leftfielder Andrew Nino.

The Kingsmen finally got on the board in the fourth with a solo home run by Hartmann, his 12th of the year.

In the sixth Pomona extended their lead to 4-1.

However that lead was cut to one in the bottom half of the sixth

with an RBI triple by Hartmann for his third hit of the game. He was bunted in by freshman Richard Michelin.

In the seventh, junior Hector Sanchez doubled in junior Vinny Lopez to tie the game. The Kingsmen exploded for nine runs on eight hits to take a commanding lead in the eighth. Of those eight hits, two were doubles by junior David Iden and a double by Hartmann to record the final hit of his cycle.

The Sagehens made a run in the ninth with a grand slam by Drew Hedman, but still fell short by five runs.

"We just came out relaxed and focused," Hartmann said. "Most importantly we came out to have fun."

Down to the wire win

The first game of the doubleheader at Pomona would be the closest margin of victory for the Kingsmen all weekend.

The game came down to the wire after a rally by the Sagehens. After multiple hits, a walk and a wild pitch, the CLU lead was now 7-6 and the Sagehens were aiming for more with bases loaded and no outs.

The Kingsmen put a halt to that rally, getting a line drive out and then forcing an inning-ending double play to seal the victory in game one of the doubleheader.

Starting pitcher Byron Minnich earned the win, pitching seven innings, allowing four runs while striking out four. Peter Schmitt earned his first save of the season, completing the final two innings.

"It would have been nice to play like this all year," Davidson said. "We just got to do what we can and win out."

The second game was just like Friday's game, with an offensive explosion by CLU winning 17-9.

Both teams were hitting the ball extremely well and they

combined for 15 runs in the first four innings with Pomona having a 9-6 lead.

Freshman pitcher Anthony Schmitt put a stop to the Pomona offensive attack, throwing 5.1 innings while allowing no runs on three hits.

CLU continued its offensive attack, scoring 11 runs on 11 hits in the final three team appearances at the plate.

Davidson ended his senior career against Pomona in incredible fashion, going 4-for-6 with a pair of home runs, seven RBI and four runs.

CLU showed its power that its offense had been capable of doing all year, scoring 37 runs and recording 47 hits in the series sweep.

"The sweep against Pomona-Pitzer is extremely exciting. It was a total team effort," Slimak said. "What more can you say about this total team win. We left everything on the field of play."

SCIAC Standings

Women's Water Polo (Final)	Softball	Baseball
Pomona-Pitzer	7-1 Redlands	19-5
Cal Lutheran	7-1 Claremont-M-S	17-7
Claremont-M-S	6-2 La Verne	14-10
Occidental	4-5 Pomona-Pitzer	12-12
Redlands	3-6 Whittier	11-13
Whittier	2-7 Cal Lutheran	11-13
La Verne	1-8 Occidental	0-24

Women's Tennis (Final)

Total Points	Men's Tennis (Final)
Pomona-Pitzer	13 Claremont-M-S
Redlands	13 Redlands
Claremont-M-S	10 Cal Lutheran
Occidental	7 Occidental
La Verne	7 Pomona-Pitzer
Cal Lutheran	4 La Verne
Whittier	2 Whittier
Caltech	0 Caltech

Men's Tennis (Final)

Total Points	
14	
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Regals fall in tourney final

Team to defend title at Collegiate III championships after denied spot in NCAA's

By Scott Bredesen

STAFF WRITER

The top-seeded California Lutheran University women's water polo team put themselves in a great position to win the SCIAAC championship tournament, but were edged 8-7 in the final by Pomona-Pitzer on Sunday.

The loss snapped an eight-game win streak and denied the Regals an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. Instead they will return to the Collegiate III tournament that they captured the title last season.

The Regals had a target on their back the entire season and pulled off an impressive 6-0 record in conference in the regular season to earn the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament. The Regals started off the season 0-7, but regained form.

"Everyone wants to knock off the defending Collegiate III national champs, especially at our home pool, and in the most important tournament of the year," head coach Craig Rond said.

CLU faced Occidental College on Saturday in a semifinal match-up and outlasted the Tigers 9-8 in a very exciting match.

The teams traded goals until freshman Bobby Sanders netted the game-winner, her second of the match.

With a victory over the Tigers, the Regals earned their way into the championship game versus Pomona-Pitzer for the SCIAAC title.

CLU's goalkeeper Katie



Photograph by Scott Chisholm

Junior Whitney Haroldson scored as time expired in the first half to tie the game on Sunday against Pomona. The Sagehens went on to defeat the Regals 8-7 with a go-ahead in the final minutes of regulation.

Windsor played an extraordinary role in the victory tallying 10 blocked shots and anchoring the team with her leadership.

The Sagehens took out the No. 3-ranked team, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 10-5, to earn their way into the finals and set up a showdown with the Regals in the championship game on Sunday.

By defeating the Regals in the championship, the Sagehens will

begin their postseason by competing in an eight-team NCAA tournament at Stanford on May 10-11.

With a tie game and just over one minute remaining, Nanah Apkarian scored to put the Sagehens in the lead for good and clinch a second consecutive conference championship for Pomona.

Meredith Butte and Joy

Cyprian each tallied two goals apiece in the championship match.

Windsor made a tournament-high 11 saves against the Sagehens in the final, her last game at Samuelson Aquatics Center.

"It's a bittersweet feeling not to go to the Division I national tournament, but we will still go to Collegiate IIIs and will try to

defend our Division III national championship," Windsor said.

The Regals will try to defend title when they go to Connecticut and compete in an eight-team tournament that opens play on May 2.

"If we press hard on defense and drive hard on offense we will be in great position to go very far," sophomore Kaitlin Hobbs said.

This Week in CLU Sports

Friday, May 2

Women's Water Polo at Collegiate III Championships
Baseball vs. Whittier, 3 p.m.

Track and Field at Claremont Multi-Event

Saturday, May 3

Women's Water Polo at Collegiate III Championships
Baseball at Whittier, 11 a.m. - DH

Track and Field at Steve Scott Invitational, 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 4

Women's Water Polo at Collegiate III Championships

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Freshmen class pushes limits

Campus feels effects of large freshmen class

By Kelsey Bonesteel
Echo Staff Writer

The size of the freshmen class has seen an unprecedented influx that is stretching California Lutheran University's already limited resources. As of Aug. 15, 1,817 students were admitted into CLU's class of 2012, increasing last year's admitted students by 143.

This is all part of CLU's strategic plan to expand and improve the school, according to Jenny Charrett, associate director of admission.

"We do have to limit our growth, because of the space available on campus and we knew the maximum number of students we could admit. We are set to moderately grow so the infrastructure of the school has time to adjust," Charrett said.

This process is vital to CLU's growth as a school.

CLU is still upholding its promises to the students, such as classroom size and individual attention. According to Charrett, the freshmen counselors are working as hard as ever to maintain the dedication to each



Photo by Doug Barnett

The Freshmen Class increase is visible with the long lines in the Centrum at lunch time.

student.

"Many people are starting to recognize the benefits to a private education and the guaranteed four year academic plan," she said.

As the school's population grows, other departments, such as Residence Life, will also have to make some changes.

"We had to put some of the students in Conejo; about 90 percent of the students there are freshman," said Christine Paul, associate director of student life.

Although Conejo residence

hall is not located near the other freshmen dorms and has been considered part of the upper-classmen area, Paul does not think this is a problem for the new students, because such a small group of students can easily get to know one another.

"It's a little inconvenient to hang out with friends in the other freshman halls, but all in all it's not that big of a deal," said Brandon Shows, a freshman living in Conejo Hall.

No plans of building another freshman hall have been made.

"Many people are starting to recognize the benefits to a private education and the guaranteed four year plan."

-- Jenny Charrett

However, last summer each freshmen hall received brand new carpet, vertical blinds and a fresh coat of paint.

Upper-classmen students have also been impacted by the growing freshmen population.

"Since my first year, I've noticed that every year the incoming freshmen class becomes a greater presence on campus," CLU senior Dan Erickson said.

The more students living on campus the more possible problems can emerge.

"This year Residence Life's biggest challenge is handling roommate conflicts. We do not have any extra rooms for the students in a difficult roommate situation," Paul said. CLU resident halls have reached capacity.

Many other complaints have been raised around campus including limited parking around the halls and rooms assigned with five students per room in the New and Old West Halls.

"I believe the students are making each living situation work and once we have Trinity hall we will be able to spread out. No more rooms will have five people," Paul said.

The freshmen class will grow with each coming year until CLU reaches the goal of becoming a larger, well-known school. Every aspect of CLU will have to adjust to the increase.

"Hopefully this year's freshmen class will contribute to CLU's culture and help carry on a legacy to be proud of."

Security panel calls for more vigilance

By Margaret Nolan
Managing Editor

Business professionals and community leaders from Ventura County gathered last week at the Reagan Library for California Lutheran's Corporate Leaders' Breakfast.

The topic for this breakfast: Security. It was an especially relevant issue with the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks last week.

According to Karin Grennan, media relation's coordinator for

CLU, security was chosen as the topic because of an overwhelming survey response from over 100 participants at a previous Corporate Leader's Breakfast.

"The breakfast series is heightening Cal Lutheran's awareness and recognition as an important regional resource to leaders in our communities," said Dr. Ritch Eich, vice president for marketing and communications.

Speaking at this event was a panel featuring various security specialists from local and national agencies.

Panel members included David

Banks, director of the Center for Asymmetric Warfare; Bob Brooks, Ventura County sheriff; Steven R. Chealander, the 38th member of the National Transportation Safety Board and Gregory D. Totten, Ventura County district attorney.

The Rev. Duke Blackwood executive Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Foundation served as the moderator for the event.

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Photo by Nathan Hoyt

Security Panel at Corporate Leaders' Breakfast.

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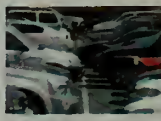
Kingsmen football begins 2008 season.

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Are shot glasses in the bookstore contradictory on a dry campus?

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IN BRIEF

Construction plans began this past summer at California Lutheran University, for new office buildings, parking lots, academic buildings and sporting complexes on the North Campus.

Parking has been hectic so far this year and there is a big reason why. The construction of the new Trinity Hall began in June and has made parking a challenge. The hall is being constructed where the old softball field was located between Potenburg and Grace hall.

With this construction underway, parts of the Grace and Potenburg parking lots have been eliminated for building purposes.

Since June construction workers have been leveling the ground and as of the start of school, they've begun to build the retaining walls.

The layout of the Trinity hall is unlike any other dorm on campus. There will be six rooms that will have six single bedrooms. Trinity will include several studio single suites and there are four single bedrooms as in Grace hall.

All rooms in Trinity will have a full kitchen at the student's disposal. Along with sleeping quarters there will be several lounge areas and two classrooms.

Altogether there will be 220 bedrooms in Trinity and completion is hoping to be scheduled for around fall 2009.

CLU is working on the Kingsmen and Regals tennis courts. The new facility will be named Gilbert Tennis Courts, which features six new courts. The tennis courts will reside alongside Ullman Stadium behind the right field fence.

The estimated cost of the construction is \$750,000. Completion is slated for the fall season when it will be ready to host CLU tennis matches this spring.

That has not been the only construction going on. Work has been done to create a community swimming pool.

The pool was paid for with public funds and will be located on the CLU campus next to the Samuelson Aquatic Center. The project was funded through the city, which included a federal grant and funding from the recreation and park district.

The pool will consist of seven lanes and vary in depth from 3 to 5 feet. Completion of the project has been estimated to take about a year.

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Six alumni inducted into hall of fame

Standout athletes honored in ring ceremony

By Gigi Arjomand
Echo Staff Writer

The Alumni Association of California Lutheran University held a formal event on Saturday night to honor the six 2008 inductees of the Athletic Hall of Fame. It was an evening of memories, tribute, food and conversation.

The CLU Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame presented Albert Kempfert, Charles McShane, Greg Osbourne, Tracy (Little) Schuetz, Mike Sheppard and Michael "Spider" Webb.

"Academics and athletics, that's a

great balance," Coach Bob Shoup said, one of the pioneers in the athletic history of CLU.

Six inductees were honored for their outstanding contributions in the intercollegiate athletics field and for the respect, recognition and excellence they have brought to the proud CLU name.

"This university shaped me spiritually, professionally and in life," said Sheppard, who graduated with the class of 1973.

Sheppard has coached professionally for 34 years, is the wide receiver's coach for the Cincinnati Bengals and an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Although the night was in honor of the six athletes, Shoup was praised, thanked and honored for his great coaching, encouragement and support by most of the inductees.

Shoup started coaching at CLU in 1962 and worked actively on recruiting doing public relations for the school that was in danger of floundering financially.

"This is a great honor with all of these amazing athletes that are being inducted here. I'm extremely proud to be a part of that"

-- Tracy Schuetz

He reflected on some of the memorable times at CLU. He shared stories and memories about how different it used to be at CLU and how proud and grateful he is to be a part of these great athletes' journeys.

Schuetz, who graduated in 1997, set numerous records in her time at CLU playing volleyball and softball.

"Unlike the previous inductees I have no idea who 'Al the Painter' is and we actually had computers when I was a student here," she said as the crowd joined in laughter.

After many years passed, one thing was unchanged: the love and camaraderie found between CLU teammates, coaches, roommates, faculty, family and friends, is as alive on this night as decades before.

"The greatest part of the night was to see different generations of the families that made this school what it is. A lot of the Lundrings, the Days and the Thomas' were here," Schuetz said. "You went to school with their kids and it's beautiful to see that the history goes on at CLU."

Less parking causes frustration

300 less parking spaces takes toll on student drivers

By Jennifer Tholse
Echo Staff Writer

A new parking policy at California Lutheran University campus will be established beginning Oct. 1.

Residential students will no longer be allowed to park in the academic corridor during the week, between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. However, no one else but the resident students will be allowed to park in residence hall parking lots.

According to Fred Miller director of campus Safety and Security, the main reason for this new parking policy is to open up more parking spots for faculty, staff and commuters.

"We needed to cut down on unnecessary driving since we want to promote a greener campus," he said. "Some students are driving only two blocks to get to their class, which also causes unnecessary traffic."

In addition Miller said they might offer an incentive for residential students who will park their cars at a further parking location during the week, since their car won't be used during this time anyhow.

Yet, most residential students are not happy with the new policy. "It is hard to park, especially during the day," said junior Alison Larson, who thinks the policy is unfair.

Also, graduate student Flora

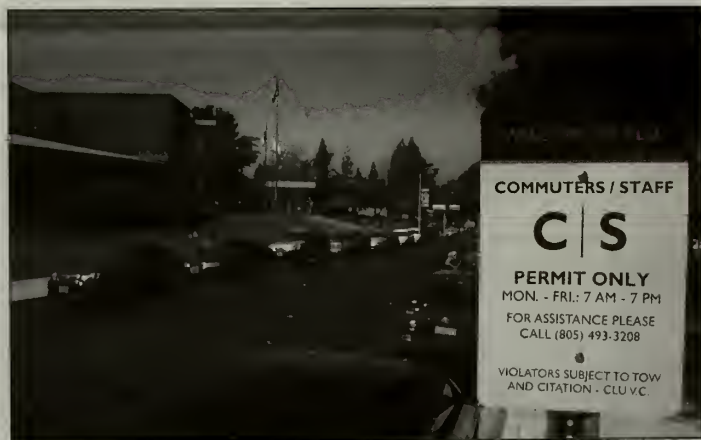


Photo by Nathan Hoyt

Parking permits and signs identify type of student driver.

Shao thinks the new parking rules are extremely inconvenient, especially for students in university houses who are only permitted to park on their

spaces."

However, until then, commuter students including Dennis Twumasi are thankful for the new policy.

"It is already tiring to drive down here all the way from Los Angeles, and to spend an extra 10 minutes looking for parking makes the whole process of commuting even more tiresome," he said.

Dr. Russell Stockard, communication professor, said he understands the frustration of the students but is still thankful for its advantage as a faculty member.

"Since parking spots were lost during the construction of the new residence hall and more faculty staff has been hired, there wasn't a lot more to do than have this policy applied," he said.

Old parking stickers need to be replaced with new parking

permits, which can be received at the Welcome Center. The new permit will be placed at the lower left corner of the vehicles rear window, which will make it easier for campus security to keep track of the different permitted cars.

The new parking policy will begin in October. Students, faculty and everyone who owns a car will need to obtain a parking pass to avoid being issued a ticket or even worse have your car towed away.

To find out more about the new parking policy and where parking is allowed, visit the Welcome Center to pick up a brochure or go onto http://www.clunet.edu/safety_security/vehicle to view specific details.